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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 14-0309 – Zoning – Beer and Ale: Brewing

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0309 form and legal sufficiency. The bill would amend the text of the Zoning Code to add Beer and Ale Brewing as a permitted use in the M-1 District. There is no legal prohibition to this change.

Any amendment to the City's Zoning Code requires advertisement by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City at least 15 days before the hearing. *See* Md. Code, Land Use, §10-303(c); Zoning Code of Baltimore City, §§16-101(d)(2); 16-402(b)(1); 16-402(c)(2). In addition, any Zoning Legislation, such as this bill, requires a hearing before Second Reading and, if it is substantively amended after the conclusion of that hearing, a subsequent hearing is required. *See* Zoning Code of Baltimore City, §§16-401(a); 16-402(a); 16-403.

Assuming this bill was properly advertised and the Council holds the requisite hearings, the Law Department can approve it for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Solicitor

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