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

Re: City Council Bill 21-0159 – Procurement - Zero-Emission Vehicles

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0159 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill converts the City fleet of vehicles, subject to certain exceptions, to zero-emission vehicles.

The bill delegates substantial authority to the City Purchasing Agent and the Director of Finance to coordinate the purchasing of zero-emission vehicles. The delegation complies with the provision of the City Charter that requires the City to have a centralized purchasing system. City Charter, Art VII § 17. The bill also requires the Director of Finance to establish the necessary rules to implement and coordinate these purchases among the agencies, which also is compliant with the above section of the City Charter.

Accordingly, the Law Department is prepared to approve Council Bill 21-0159 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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