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

Re: City Council Bill 26-0175 – Authority to Change Suffix

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 26-0175 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would grant the City Council the authority to change the suffix of a street name. The bill would take effect 30 days after its enactment.

The City Council has the authority to change the suffix of a street name under its broad police powers. The City Charter provides that the Mayor and City Council may “exercise within the limits of Baltimore City all the power commonly known as the Police Power to the same extent as the State has or could exercise that power within the limits of Baltimore City,” and may “pass any ordinance, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter or the laws of the State, which it may deem proper in the exercise of any of the powers, either express or implied, enumerated in this Charter, as well as any ordinance as it may deem proper in maintaining the peace, good government, health and welfare of Baltimore City.” City Charter, Art. II, §§ (27), (47). The name of a public street may only be changed by ordinance or resolution of the Mayor and City Council. Baltimore City Charter, Art. VII, § 116(f)(3).

As there are no legal issues with the bill, the Law Department can approve City Council Bill 26-0175 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "DLuckey", is positioned above the printed name.

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cc: Ebony Thompson, City Solicitor
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