



October 21, 2011

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 11-0691 – Urban Renewal – Broadway East –  
Amendment

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 11-0691 which amends the Broadway East Urban Renewal Plan to allow for the use of certain abandoned corner properties as “non-conforming uses” or “non-complying structures” in a manner that is consistent with both the urban renewal plan and the Zoning Code. The bill modifies the language to conform with the Zoning Code definitions of those terms in order to avoid confusion. The outcome of the proposed changes will be to allow certain corner properties to be used for certain commercial purposes as a conforming use or non-complying structure.

Section 2-6(g)(1) of Article 13 of the City Code requires that any change to an Urban Renewal Plan be made by ordinance. As this is the appropriate mechanism for making changes to the Plan and there are no legal impediments to those changes, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 11-0691 for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Solicitor

cc: George Nilson, City Solicitor  
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