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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 21-0032R – Investigative Hearing- Studying the Feasibility of a
Small Hauler Incentive Program

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0032R for form and legal sufficiency. The resolution is for the purpose of inviting representatives of the Department of Finance, Department of Public Works, and the Department of Health to discuss the feasibility of enacting a small hauler incentive program to better offset illegal dumping and litter in our communities.

In general, a City Council resolution is “an expression of opinion or mind concerning some particular item of business coming within the legislative body’s official cognizance.” *Inlet Assocs. v. Assateague House Condominium Assoc.*, 545 A.2d 1296, 1303 (Md. 1988) (quoting *McQuillin Mun. Corp.* § 15:2 (3rd Ed.)). Council Bill 21-0032R is an appropriate resolution to discuss the feasibility of enacting a small hauler incentive program.

Accordingly, the Law Department approves Council Bill 21-0032R for form and legal sufficiency as it is a valid method of conveying City Council’s desires regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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