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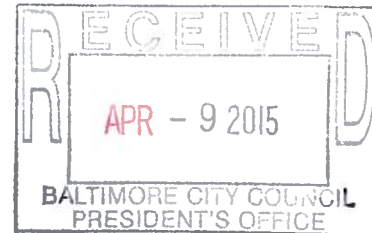


DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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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 15-0511 – Baltimore City Landmark List – Patterson Park

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0511 for form and legal sufficiency. It would designate “Patterson Park in its entirety and all of its existing structures, 100 South Linwood Avenue (Block 1740, Lot 001) and 201 South Linwood Avenue (Block 1740, Lot 002” as landmarks.

The City Code states that a landmark list is comprised of either or both the exterior or interior of a “structure,” which is defined as “any creation of man or nature.” City Code, Art. 6, §1-2. Since this definition includes creations of nature, the entire park can be landmarked, as was done for Riverside Park. City Code, Art. 6, §12-28.

Section 3-2 of Article 6 of the City Code provides that landmarks may not be “approved by the City Council until the City Council has given notice that the proposal is pending and has held a hearing on it. For this purpose, the Commission shall comply with the notice and hearing requirements of Zoning Code Title 16 {“Legislative Authorizations and Amendments”} for proposed changes in zoning classifications.” City Code, Art. 6, §3-2. This requires an introductory statement of intent, posting, publication in the paper and a hearing. See Baltimore City Code, Zoning, §§16-101(c)(1), (d)(1); 16-202(b); 16-203; 16-402.

Assuming that the requisite notice and posting were completed, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Solicitor

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