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|             | AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS | Department of Public Works<br>600 Abel Wolman Municipal Building |   |   |
|             | SUBJECT               | <b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 08-0066</b>                                 |   |   |

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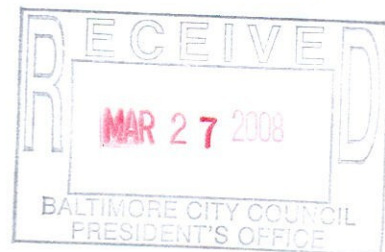
The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
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I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 08-0066 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to grant a perpetual easement for a steam line through the parcels of land known as 1400 Orleans Street and 540 North Caroline Street, as shown on Plat R.W. 20-36219 Sheets 1 of 2 and 2 of 2 in the Office of the Department of Public Works.

The Johns Hopkins Hospital wishes to construct a steam line and appurtenant vaults within the area of the 500 block of Central Avenue and extending to the 500 block of North Caroline Street, and into the Hospital main complex. Portions of the steam line would be located in the Central Avenue and North Caroline Street rights-of-way and would be the subject of a separate franchise ordinance (City Council Bill 08-0067). Portions would also cross two properties owned by the City of Baltimore: 1400 Orleans Street and 540 North Caroline Street. Both of these properties are active Baltimore City Public School System facilities (Dunbar School complex). The proposed alignments through these properties would be confined to areas away from the school buildings, minimizing the impact on the properties. The Baltimore City Public School System reviewed the proposed alignments and approved the locations.

City Council Bill 08-0066, if approved, would grant perpetual easements to Johns Hopkins Hospital for the steam line alignment across the two City-owned properties. The easements include approximately 8,431.52 square feet, or 0.1936 acres of land. These easements would be subject to the following conditions: plans and specifications for the use of the easements must be approved by the City in writing before construction could begin; the City and its employees or agents would have access to the easement areas at all times, when necessary for public purposes; Johns Hopkins Hospital must maintain the easements at its sole cost and expense; no structures could be built by Johns Hopkins Hospital over the easement areas without advance approval by the City; and the City would be indemnified and saved harmless from any legal action, damages or losses resulting from the use of the easement areas by Johns Hopkins Hospital.



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The legislation needs to be amended to name Johns Hopkins Hospital as the recipient of the perpetual easements. Therefore, the following amendment is proposed:

**Amendment**

Page 1, line 13, insert "to the Johns Hopkins Hospital" after the word "grant" so that it reads:  
"...That the City Comptroller is authorized to grant TO THE JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL  
a Perpetual Easement for a steam line..."

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 08-0066 as proposed to be amended.

  
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