

CITY OF BALTIMORE

SHEILA DIXON, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

GEORGE A. NILSON, City Solicitor
101 City Hall
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

April 8, 2008

Honorable President and Members
of the City Council of Baltimore
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 08-0024R – Task Force on Noise Laws and Enforcement

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0024R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution would create a task force to study the potential for an overhaul of the City's current noise laws and the feasibility of creating a more defined, easily enforced, and encompassing noise law for the City.

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 08-0024R is an appropriate resolution to express the Council's decision to create a task force concerning noise laws and enforcement in the City.

The Law Department approves Council Bill 08-0024R for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,



Deepa Bhattacharyya
Assistant Solicitor

cc: The Honorable ~~Bill~~ Henry
Angela Gibson, City Council Liaison, Mayor's Office
George Nilson, City Solicitor
Elena R. DiPietro, Senior Solicitor

