

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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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 08-0043 – Zoning – Conversion of 1 or 2-Family
Dwellings – R-8 Zoning District

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0043 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would remove the R-8 Zoning District from those districts in which an exception may be sought from the general prohibition against converting 1 or 2 family dwellings to larger occupancy.

The Law Department notes that this bill, in amending the City Zoning Code, is considered “zoning legislation” as that term is defined in Title 16 of the Zoning Code. As such, public notice of the bill’s introduction must be provided pursuant to § 16-401 of the Zoning Code, which includes, among other things, publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City for at least 15 days prior to the bill’s public hearing. The bill also must have been referred to certain entities such as the BMZA and the Planning Commission upon its introduction. Zoning Code, § 16-301. Assuming all the procedural requirements are met for consideration and passage of this bill, the Law Department will approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

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Assistant Solicitor

cc: George Nilson, City Solicitor
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