

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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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 13-0437 – City Streets – Closing – A Portion of Old
Hawkins Point Road Between Curtis Creek and Pennington Avenue

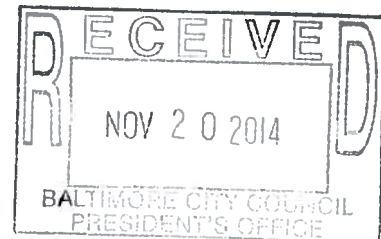
Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0437 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and close a portion of Old Hawkins Point Road between Pennington Avenue and the waters of Curtis Creek. The bill also provides for a special effective date. City Council Bill 14-0438 is the companion bill which authorizes the sale of this property.

Section (34)(a) of Article II of the City Charter grants the Mayor and City Council the power to “construct, open, extend, widen, straighten or close streets, bridges, tunnels or approaches to them and other public ways of every kind within the bounds of the City.” Section 116(b)(2) of Article VII of the City Charter requires the Department of General Services to prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets. As this bill conforms with the applicable sections of the Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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