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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 14-0461		

TO

DATE: December 16, 2014

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0461 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of General Services).

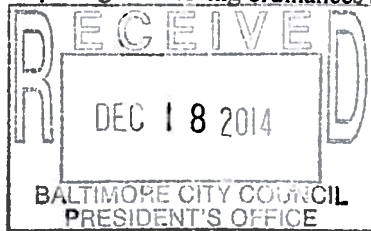
The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property known as the former beds of a 3-foot alley and a 4-foot alley in the area bounded by West 29th Street, Fox Street, and Huntingdon Avenue, and no longer needed for public use.

HKMJB Investments LLC owns and operates a liquor store business at 329 West 29th Street in the Remington neighborhood of Baltimore City. A 3-foot alley separates this business from the store's parking area and a 4-foot alley bisects the parking area (properties known as 317 West 29th Street and 2824 Fox Street). HKMJB Investments LLC has requested that the alleys be opened and closed to public use (companion City Council Bills 14-0460 and 14-0459 respectively) and that the alley beds be authorized for sale under this legislation so that the beds may be consolidated with their adjacent properties. The owner of the one property abutting the alleys that is not owned by HKMJB Investments LLC, 2845 Huntingdon Avenue, does not use the alleys and has consented to their closure. The alleys proposed to be closed to public use and sold are described as follows:

- An approximately 4 foot wide by 70 foot long alley located perpendicular to and between Fox Street and a variable width alley. The alley is between the properties known as 317 West 29th Street and 2824 Fox Street.
- An approximately 3 foot wide by 41.75 foot long alley located perpendicular to West 29th Streets and terminating at the property known as 2845 Huntingdon Avenue.

Any utilities present in the alley beds that are not abandoned or relocated would be protected by a full width perpetual easement (page 3, lines 2 and 3 of the legislation).

The Department of General Services supports passage of City Council Bill 14-0461 provided the companion opening and closing ordinances are approved.



Respectfully,

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