



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Police Commissioner

TO: The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400 City Hall
Attn. Karen Randle

FROM: James H. Green, ^{JHG} Deputy Chief Legal Counsel
Baltimore Police Department

RE: City Council Bill No.11-0792-Alley-Gating and Greening Program-
Eligibility to Participate

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No.11-0792-Alley-Gating and Greening Program-Eligibility to Participate and supports its passage with the proposed amendment. This legislation seeks to extend the current program to include alleys that abutted by either or both residential and commercial structures. Additionally the bill corrects certain administrative references to reflect the current assumption of the jurisdiction over the program by the Department of General Services.

Several years ago the city passed legislation to permit the gating or greening of an alley subject to a number of requirements including the necessary "access" for several entities. The BPD understands that this has been a successful program and we support the proposed expansion with the amendment to define the term "commercial" as proposed by the Law Department.

The BPD stands willing to continue to assist in the City's collective efforts in this area. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Angela C. Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

