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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
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Re: City Council Bill 18-0303 – City Streets – Closing – A Portion of West Barney Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0303 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to condemn and close a portion of West Barney Street. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Art. II, Sections 2 and (34)(a) of the City Charter grant the Mayor and City Council the power to condemn and “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 Transportation to prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets. As this bill conforms to the applicable sections of the Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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Division Chief

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