

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 16-0705 - Building Fire and Related Codes – Liability  
for Expenses and Collection of Debts and Liens

Dear President and City Council Members:

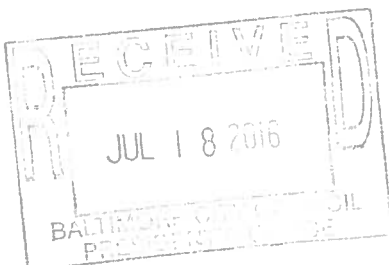
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0705 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill proposes to amend §118 to enable expenses incurred by any department, agency or body corporate and politic and any instrumentality of the State of Maryland, including without limitation the Maryland Stadium Authority in support of the Building Official to become a lien on the subject property.

The Baltimore City Charter Art. II, §(19)(a) provides that the Mayor and City Council have the power to “establish a Bureau of Liens and to provide for the issuance of certificates stating what, if any, State and municipal taxes, charges and assessments exist against any particular property, all of which taxes, charges and assessments shall be liens against the property affected until paid, and to make a reasonable charge for furnishing each such certificate.” City Council Bill 16-0705 is consistent with this authority.

The Law Department, therefore, approves Council Bill 16-0705 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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Chief Solicitor



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