

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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

**Re: City Council Bill 14-0329--Sale of Property--Former Beds of Certain  
Streets and Alleys Bounded by Guilford Avenue, East 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Barclay  
Street, and East 20<sup>th</sup> Street**

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0329 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell property owned by it consisting of former beds of certain streets and alleys bounded by Guilford Avenue, East 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Barclay Street, and East 20<sup>th</sup> Street, declaring them no longer needed for public use. The bill also provides for a special effective date.

Article V, Section 5 (b) of the Baltimore City Charter grants the Department of Real Estate in the Comptroller's Office the power to arrange for the disposition of any building or parcel of land no longer needed by the City for public use, if that sale is approved by the Board of Estimates. Assuming the agency reports reveal that the property is no longer needed for public use, this is the appropriate ordinance to authorize disposition of the subject property. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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