



# BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



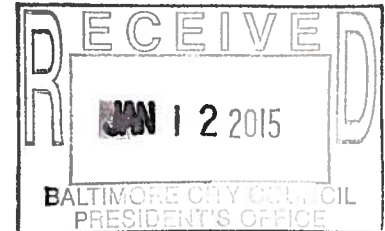
STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE  
Mayor

ANTHONY W. BATTS  
Police Commissioner

January 12, 2015

Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
Room 400, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

*Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary*



**Re: City Council Bill No. 14-0418  
Alley-Gating and Greening Program**

Dear Council President Young and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 14-0418 - Alley-Gating and Greening Program. The proposed legislation is for the purpose of clarifying and simplifying the law governing and procedures for alley-gating and -greening projects; lowering the percentage of abutting property owners required to initiate a petition to gate an alley; simplifying the process for obtaining review of petitions by the Police and Fire Departments; clarifying the different requirements for gating, but not greening, an alley, gating and greening an alley, and greening an alley for which gating has already been approved; consolidating and conforming repetitive requirements that are common to all processes; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to the gating, greening, and leasing of alleys under the authority of City Charter Article II, § 35(e) and (f).

The BPD does not oppose the passage of the legislation as it would simplify the process for obtaining review by the Police Department.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Sincerely,

Melissa Hyatt  
Lieutenant Colonel  
Police Commissioner's Office

cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

*Not opposed*