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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 Baltimore, Maryland 21202



Re:

City Council Bill 16-0674 – Transit and Traffic – No Camper or Mobile Home Parking on Residential Streets

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0674 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill prohibits extended parking, standing, or stopping of camping trailers, mobile homes, motor homes, or travel trailers on residential streets. It provides certain exceptions and sets certain penalties.

City Council Bill 16-0674 creates an offense which is within the City's authority to establish under the Maryland Vehicle Law, see Md. Transp. Code Ann., § 25-102(a)(1), and is consistent with the City's powers under the Charter to regulate the use of streets and public ways and to establish fines for violations of City ordinances. See Baltimore City Charter, Art. II, §§ 34(d), 48. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Finally, we note that Councilmember Kraft seeks to amend the bill by adding "across from" on page 2, line 16, of the bill. If the bill is amended as proposed, the amendment will not affect the legal sufficiency of the bill.

Sincerely,

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