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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
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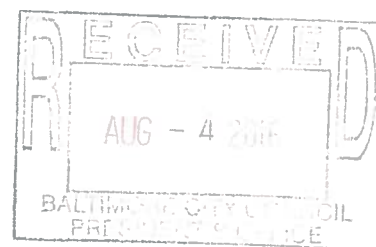
Re: City Council Bill 16-0687 – Valet Parking – Offenses by Operators and Hosts

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0687 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill proposes to correct certain enforcement provisions of the valet parking law and the Environmental Control Board law. Several sections of the valet parking law were inadvertently left off the list of valet parking offenses that can be enforced by environmental citations. This bill corrects that omission. In addition, the bill makes “providing valet parking services that unreasonably disrupt vehicular or pedestrian traffic” a violation that subjects an operator to denial, suspension or revocation of their operator’s license and/or environmental citation.

Art. 31, Subtitle 14 of the Baltimore City Code governs valet parking. Sec. 14-43(a) authorizes enforcement of the law through the issuance of environmental citations. This bill exercises that option by adding certain valet parking violations to the list of Code provisions in Art. 1, Subtitle 40 (Environmental Control Board) that can be enforced by environmental citation.

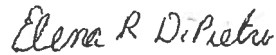
In addition, the violation for providing services in a disruptive manner is an appropriate exercise of authority with respect to valet parking.



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The Law Department, therefore, approves Council Bill 16-0687 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,



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