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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 16-0717 – Guilford RPP Area – Amendment

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 16-0717 for form and legal sufficiency. It modifies the Residential Parking Permit ("RPP") Program for the Guilford Area to include 3701 and 3703 North Charles Street.

Article 31, Subtitle 10, of the Baltimore City Code governs residential permit parking. Section 10-19(a) states that "[a]t any time after a Parking Management Plan has been adopted by administrative regulation, the Mayor and City Council may enact an Ordinance rescinding or modifying the administrative regulation and the Parking Management Plan created by it." Section 10-19(b) states that existing RPPs may be modified by the Executive Director of the Parking Authority. There is no prohibition in the City Code that would prevent the City Council from modifying an RPP that was created by ordinance, such as the Guilford RPP. Further, it appears that the addition of these properties would not affect the area's qualification for participation in the Residential Permit Parking Program. See Art. 31 § 10-12. The Law Department, therefore, approves Council Bill 16-0717 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely.

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