

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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Baltimore, Maryland 21202

March 29, 2017

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

Re: City Council Bill 17-0023 – Sale of Property – Map 70, Grid 14, Parcel 988 in Baltimore County (also Known as 219 Burke Avenue, Towson, Maryland)

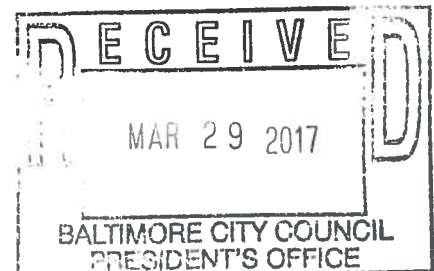
Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0023 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would allow the City to sell its interest in property at Map 70, Grid 14, Parcel 988 in Baltimore County, declaring it no longer needed for public use. Although the on-line database for the State Department of Assessments and Taxation states that the legal description is 150 Feet SS Burke Avenue and the street address for this parcel is 180 East Aigburth Avenue and not 219 Burke Avenue, it appears that the Map, Grid and Parcel reference do describe a property that is 34,371 square feet, more or less. The assumption is that this is the same parcel as being referenced in this bill and this is the parcel that is intended to be sold.

Section 5(b) of Article V of the City Charter grants the Department of Real Estate in the Comptroller's Office the power to sell property that the Mayor and City Council deems by ordinance no longer needed for public use, if that sale is approved by the Board of Estimates. Therefore, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency to sell Map 70, Grid 14, Parcel 988 in Baltimore County.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Solicitor



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