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The Honorable President and Members
Of the Board of Estimates
Room 204, City Hall

City Council Bill 17-0054 – Franchise – Bridgeway over Centre Street
Dear Mr. President and Honorable Members:

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES:

We request your Honorable Board's approval to assess a franchise fee associated with City Council Bill 17-0054 Franchise – Bridgeway over Centre Street in the amount of \$12,514.60 annually.

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

City Council Bill 17-0054 for the purpose of granting a franchise to MD-601 N. Calvert , LLC, to use and maintain an existing elevated bridgeway that is located above and across Centre Street approximately 120 feet east of Calvert Street, subject to certain terms, conditions, and reservations; and providing for a special effective date.

Ordinance 599 of 1990 granted permission and authority to The Baltimore Sun Company, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate at its own expense, for a period not exceeding 25 years, an elevated walkway or bridgeway above and across Centre Street, about 120 feet east of the east building line of Calvert Street, which elevated walkway or bridgeway was to connect the existing building of The Baltimore Sun on the north side of Centre Street with the existing building of The Baltimore Sun on the south side of Centre Street. Although the original franchise agreement expired in 2015 the building owner continued to abide by the appropriate terms and conditions. The dimensions of the Bridgeway in the right-of-way are 66' by 12', or 792 sf.

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