

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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June 7, 2017

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 17-0068 – Waterfront Management District – Extension of District

Dear Mr. President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0068 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill extends the Waterfront Management District to encompass certain adjoining blocks and clarifies a description of certain properties excepted from the Supplemental Tax. The bill has a special effective date, and is contingent on a successful referendum, to be conducted in accordance with the requirements of City Code Article 14, Section 8-15 (“Election approval process”).

Article II, Section 63 of the Charter grants the City authority to create, by ordinance, community benefits districts. The Waterfront Management District was created in 2007 by Council Bill 07-0581. It was renewed through April 23, 2019 per Council Bill 15-0474. The provisions governing the District are found in Article 14, Section 8-1 *et. seq.* of the City Code.

With regard to the extension of the District borders, Council Bill 17-0068 provides a written description of the new area and updates the map of the District. The bill also incorporates the special election process required by Article II, Section 63(k) of the Charter and Article 14, Section 8-15 of the City Code.

The bill is consistent with the authority of the City Council. Therefore, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 17-0068 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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