

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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July 10, 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 17-0090 – Baltimore City Landmark List: Exteriors—Harry O. Wilson House

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0090 for form and legal sufficiency. It would designate the Harry O. Wilson House at 4423 Craddock Avenue as an “historical landmark: exterior” by adding Section 17A-44 to Article 6 of the Baltimore City Code.

An ordinance of the Mayor and City Council is required to add a structure to the “Landmark List: Exteriors.” BCC Art. 6, §4-2(1). The City Council must refer the bill for written reports and recommendations to the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP), the Planning Commission, and any other agency that the Council President designates. BCC Art. 6, §4-5(a). Section 4-6 sets forth the public notice and hearing requirements. If a bill seeks to add a structure to the “Landmark List: Exteriors” and was not initiated by CHAP, the City Council may not take action to add the structure to that list without first referring the action to CHAP for a written report and recommendation. Art. 6, §4-8(b).

The Bill has been referred to CHAP and is on its agenda July 11, 2017. Assuming CHAP reviews the bill and approves the landmark designation and the notice and hearing requirements are satisfied, the Law Department can approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elena R. DiPietro".

Elena R. DiPietro
Chief Solicitor

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