

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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August 9, 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 17-0076 – Urban Renewal – Coldstream Homestead
Montebello - Amendment

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0076 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill amends the Urban Renewal Plan for Coldstream Homestead Montebello to modify the provisions for certain land uses in the Plan. The bill also waives certain content and procedural requirements, makes the provisions of the ordinance severable, provides for the application of the ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances, and provides for an immediate effective date.

The Baltimore City Code (BCC) requires that any change to an Urban Renewal Plan be made by ordinance. BCC Art. 13, § 2-6(g)(1). Where, as here, a change is proposed by a Councilmember, the ordinance must be referred for review to the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Planning Commission. BCC Art. 13, Section 2-6(h)(4). As this is the appropriate mechanism for making changes to the Plan, the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Solicitor

cc: David Ralph, Interim City Solicitor
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