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| | SUBJECT | City Council Bill 18-0176 | | |

TO Mayor Catherine E. Pugh

DATE: January 19, 2018

TO: Respective City Council Committee hearing the bill Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

FROM: Department of Transportation

POSITION: Support

RE: Council Bill – Alley Gating and Greening

INTRODUCTION – Standards for the purpose of clarifying a requirement that, to gate or green an alley, the majority of structures abutting the alley must be “residential”; and generally relating to the standards for the gating and greening of alleys.

PURPOSE/PLANS – The original ordinance strictly prohibited commercial properties to be included in the gating and greening ordinance. As economic development throughout the city increases, the demand for mixed use properties has also grown. The clarification this bill proposes allows for mixed use properties to qualify as an accepted applicant in the gating and greening petition, which may be necessary to drive increased business, and appeal to potential business investors.

In an effort to support revitalization across the city, this provision will positively impact the all neighborhoods and communities to support development.

BRIEF HISTORY – See above

FISCAL IMPACT – None

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION –

The Department of Transportation **supports** City Council 18-0176.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact David Framm at David.Framm@baltimorecity.gov, 410-396-5023.

Sincerely,



Michelle Pourciau
Director

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 18-0176
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Bullock, President Young, Councilmembers Henry, Dorsey,
Burnett, Scott, Middleton, Pinkett

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2018

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Transportation,
Department of Housing and Community Development

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Alley Gating and Greening – Standards**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying a requirement that, to gate or green an alley, the majority of
4 structures abutting the alley must be “residential”; and generally relating to the standards for
5 the gating and greening of alleys.

6 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

7 Article 26 - Surveys, Streets, and Highways

8 Section 8A-4(b)

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

11 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
12 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

13 **Baltimore City Code**

14 **Article 26. Surveys, Streets, and Highways**

15 **Subtitle 8A. Gating and Greening Alleys**

16 **§ 8A-4. Scope; General standards.**

17 (b) *Standards for authorizing gating and greening.*

18 The Director of Transportation may authorize the gating and, if applicable, the greening
19 of an alley if, on petition, public notice, and hearing as provided in this subtitle, the
20 Director determines that:

21 [(1) the majority of the structures abutting the alley are residential;]

22 (1) [(2)] the alley is no longer needed for through pedestrian or vehicular traffic; [and]

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.