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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 20-0574 – City Streets – Opening – A 13-foot alley

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 20-0574 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill condemns and opens a 13-foot alley, extended from East Biddle Street Northerly 80 feet, to a 20 foot alley laid out in the rear of the properties known as nos. 2000 through 2030 East Biddle Street. It provides for an immediate effective date.

Section (34)(a) of Article II of the City Charter grants the Mayor and City Council the power to “construct, open, extend, widen, straighten or close streets, bridges, tunnels or approaches to them and other public ways of every kind within the bounds of the City.” Section 116(b)(2) of Article VII of the City Charter requires the Department of Transportation to prepare all ordinances for the opening and closing of streets. As this bill conforms to the applicable sections of the Charter, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dana Moore, Acting City Solicitor
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