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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 21-0036 - City Code – Definitions and Rules of Interpretation

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0036 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill establishes a common set of definitions, rules of interpretation, and methods for time computation for the Baltimore City Code.

The adoption of this bill, which, among other things, standardizes the use of terms, will eliminate needless repetition of terms throughout the City Code. It also standardizes methods for computing time as established in the City Code, which will eliminate confusion over its calculation.

There are no legal impediments to the adoption of this bill.

Sincerely,

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cc: James L. Shea, City Solicitor Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office of Government Relations Nikki Thompson, Director of Legislative Affairs Matthew Stegman, Director of Fiscal and Legislative Services Elena DiPietro, Chief Solicitor, General Counsel Division Hilary Ruley, Chief Solicitor Ashlea Brown, Assistant Solicitor