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October 6, 2021

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Resolution 21-0059R – Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License  
to a Class A-7 License – 604 Poplar Grove Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Resolution 21-0059R for form and legal sufficiency. This resolution would provide the required approval under Section 12-902.1(d)(1) of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Maryland Code to allow a holder of a valid Class B-D-7 beer, wine and liquor license to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (“Liquor Board”) to exchange that license for a Class A-7 beer, wine and liquor license for use at 604 Poplar Grove Street. That section of state law applies to any holder whose Class B-D-7 license was valid as of July 1, 2018 provided that they are not in the 43<sup>rd</sup> state legislative district. Once the holder receives approval by City Council Resolution, it can then demonstrate to the Liquor Board that it meets the criteria for the license exchange. Since this property does not appear to be in the 43<sup>rd</sup> legislative district, the Law Department can approve the resolution for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Chief Solicitor

cc: James L. Shea, City Solicitor  
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