

File No. 5702 Continued.

OPINION.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Baltimore, January 2, 1907.

J. W. Freeman, Esq.,
Clerk to the Board
of Estimates.

Dear Sir:-

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I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. No ordinance involving the grant of a minor privilege merely, such as the minor privileges enumerated in the proviso to Section 37 of the Charter, need be advertised. Advertisement in case of minor privileges is by that proviso expressly dispensed with. It is only ordinances granting franchises in the public streets or property, as distinguished from minor privileges, that need to be advertised.

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I cannot recall any ordinances granting minor privileges, except the privilege of erecting electric signs, and in the case of such signs, an ordinance is necessary only because of the desire of the applicant to free himself from the restriction imposed upon signs coming out more than two feet from the building line by the general ordinances of the City. In other words, the application assumes the form of an ordinance, not because of the minor privilege, but because of the two foot restriction.

Truly yours,

(Signed) W. Cabell Bruce,
City Solicitor.