

File No. 19426

Baltimore, January 17, 1916.

Honorable James H. Preston,
Mayor,
City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:

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Referring to your letter of the 15th to Mr. Hendrick, copy of which you sent me, I think we ought to go along with the City Surveyor as a sub-department under the Chief Engineer as provided by the Acts of 1914, Chapter 852 (Section 84, Revised Charter.) This section provides, among other things, that

"The City Surveyor, under the direction of the Chief Engineer, shall perform such duties as may be imposed upon him by ordinances, etc."

His duties, therefore, can be regulated, as it may be desired, by ordinances and I do not think there is any necessity for a constitutional amendment or any additional legislative provisions. Any plan which Mr. Hendrick desires to carry out, which may not be allowable under existing legislation will be provided for by ordinances.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) S. S. Field,
City Solicitor.