

File No. 23720 Continued.

Legislature and that the Council as such has no power to do this, because the Charter of 1918 adopted pursuant to Article XI-A of the Constitution was not validly adopted and is void.

2nd. That the ordinance is invalid because it is an unreasonable interference with property rights.

3rd. That the ordinance was introduced in June 1919, during a general session of the Second Branch City Council and that it was read for a third time and adopted during a special session held on August 12th, 1919.

I do not agree with Mr. Field that the Charter of Baltimore City is invalid. On the other hand the second and third objections raised by Mr. Field, raise some doubt as to the validity of the ordinance. In my judgment, however, any doubt with reference to its validity should be resolved by you in its favor and that if you favor the ordinance itself you should sign it leaving to those who contest its validity to have the question determined afterwards.

Very respectfully yours,
(Signed) Roland R. Marchant,
City Solicitor.

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