

Board of Trustees, Employees' Retirement System (cont'd)

We are also returning herewith your file.

Very truly yours,

/s/ THOMAS N. BIDDISON
City Solicitor

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/s/ ALLEN A. DAVIS

File No. 86338

October 13, 1950

Mr. Edward J. Hecker
Engineer of Surveys
Municipal Office Building
Baltimore - 2, Maryland

Dear Mr. Hecker:

In your letter of September 27, 1950, you request the opinion of this office as to whether the law permits the Bureau of Surveys to assign a fractional number in determining, fixing or changing house numbers. You refer to Section 76, Paragraph (h), of the Baltimore City Charter (1949 Edition), to Ordinance No. 78, of June 3, 1886, the opinion of City Solicitor Charles C. Wallace, of November 1, 1926, referring to the "decimal system", and to Ordinance No. 516, of December 2, 1948.

The power to regulate house numbers is vested in the Bureau of Surveys by the provisions of the Baltimore City Charter (1949 Edition), Section 76, Paragraph (h), which reads:

"The bureau shall determine and fix the number of every new building, and shall have power, in order to correct mistakes and avoid confusion, to change existing numbers provided that each new number or change of number is reported to the owner or occupant of the building." (underscoring supplied)

This power, conferred upon the Bureau of Surveys, is implemented by the provisions of Ordinance No. 516, approved December 2, 1948, which repealed Sections