

Mr. John J. Lang, Secretary-Engineer, Commission on City Plan (cont'd)

such general limitations, may fix the terms and conditions upon which signs may be erected.

It will, therefore, be noted that as to the foregoing sub-paragraph (C) the power and authority of the Board of Estimates to grant minor privileges for signs on or over the public streets and sidewalks is circumscribed by the general authority of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to regulate the public highways for any and all purposes not regulated by statute.

In view of the above, I am of the opinion that the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore has the power and authority, by ordinance, to provide restrictive regulations in connection with the erection of signs on or over the public highways, and that the Board of Estimates would have to operate within the terms of such regulations when granting minor privileges for signs.

It is my understanding that the proposed new Building Code will contain some regulations restricting the extent to which signs may extend over the public highways and I am sure that Mr. Russell of the Bureau of Buildings will permit you to examine the proposed regulations.

If I can be of any further assistance, I trust that you will not hesitate to call upon me.

Very truly yours,

(signed) WILLIAM H. MARSHALL

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APPROVED:

(signed) CHARLES C. G. EVANS
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