

Mr. John J. Ghingher, City Treasurer (cont'd)

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Very truly yours,

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File No. 92429

April 21, 1954

Mr. John J. Ghingher
City Treasurer
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Baltimore - 2, Maryland

Dear Mr. Ghingher:

In regard to your inquiry of April 13, 1954, as to the validity under Ordinance No. 315, approved June 18, 1948, of the tax sticker or decal sponsored by the Maryland Petroleum Industries Committee, we would like to advise as follows:

After a study of the provisions of Ordinance No. 315, codified as Article 15, Sections 47 to 54, inclusive, Baltimore City Code (1950 Edition), this office is of the opinion that the use of such a decal on gasoline pumps stating "Price Includes 8¢ Tax on Each Gallon" is not prohibited.

Ordinance No. 315 regulates the number and size of signs stating or relating to the prices of motor fuel. The obvious intent is to eliminate the possibility of price war between competitors. The proposed tax information decal can not be classed as a price sign. It does not state how much a purchaser has to pay for a gallon of gasoline, nor will the prospective purchaser be able to ascertain from the decal whether or not the price per gallon of gasoline at this particular station is high or low or equal in relation to the price at some other service station.