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November 28, 2011

Mr. Tim Chin  
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Dear Mr. Chin:

We have reviewed your permit application submitted November 22, 2011, on behalf of Occupy Baltimore, for six specified types of events plus a campsite for four large tents and 40 personal tents to remain at McKeldin Square in the Inner Harbor area for six months (ending 4/16/2012). We are unable to approve the application for the reasons stated in this letter. These applications are filed pursuant to our City Park Rules and we are appropriately required to follow those rules in deciding whether or not to grant them.

The City of Baltimore is committed to protecting individuals' right to protest. However, permanent camping is prohibited in public parks. Individuals are free to peaceably assemble and demonstrate within currently established guidelines. The following are the primary reasons why we cannot grant your application:

- Long-term camping is not permitted in McKeldin Square which is located between thoroughfares busy with automobile traffic and is typically traversed by thousands of pedestrians daily. To the extent your application constitutes a request for a permit to erect and use or occupy 44 tents at this location for six months it is not approved.
- Permitted activities under Park Rules are allowed only between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. You contemplate activities 24 hours a day.
- We are prohibited from granting a permit for a public assembly lasting more than five days, whether consecutive or not. You seek a permit lasting six months.
- You seek a permit extending through dates and times when others have already secured permits to use McKeldin Square for holiday and other celebratory purposes. Your continued encampment on the site with 44 tents and other possessions clearly inhibits and precludes use of this centrally

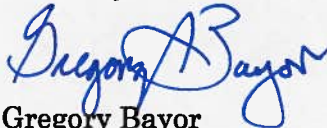


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- located space by others who may wish to conduct their own events or public assemblies. These circumstances underscore the reason for the five day rule.
- o Public Assemblies at McKeldin Square of more than 150 people are prohibited by the Inner Harbor amended rules.
  - o You have failed to tender either the required application fee or the daily use fee by way of cashier's check or money order.

Of course, you and the group you represent are free to peacefully assemble and express your views at this location in a group of up to 25 persons at a time without any permit at all between the hours of 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. and without any camping or set ups of any kind.

Sincerely,



Gregory Bayor  
Director

C: Honorable Stephanie Rawlings Blake, Mayor