

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 23-0459  
(First Reader)**

---

Introduced by: The City Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)  
Introduced and read first time: December 4, 2023  
Assigned to: Finance and Performance Committee

---

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Fire Department, Board of Estimates

---

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation –**  
3 **Fire Department – \$18,900,000**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the  
5 amount of \$18,900,000 to the Fire Department – Service 609 (Emergency Medical Services),  
6 to provide funding for balancing the Fire Department budget for Fiscal Year 2023 due to  
7 costs associated with staff overtime payments and contractual services to provide Basic Life  
8 Service ambulance services; and providing for a special effective date.

9 BY authority of  
10 Article VI - Board of Estimates  
11 Section 8(b)(2)(iii) and (c)  
12 Baltimore City Charter  
13 (1996 Edition)

14 **Recitals**

15 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents \$18,900,000 in excess of the revenue  
16 relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for  
17 Fiscal Year 2023.

18 This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of  
19 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2023 was formulated.

20 This appropriation is made necessary by a material change in circumstances since the  
21 Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2023 was formulated or is for a new program that could  
22 not have been reasonably anticipated when that Ordinance of Estimates was formulated.

23 On November 15, 2023, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City  
24 Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

**Council Bill 23-0459**

1       **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That  
2 \$18,900,000 shall be made available to the Fire Department – Service 609 (Emergency Medical  
3 Services) as a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2023, to  
4 provide funding for balancing the Fire Department budget for Fiscal Year 2023 due to costs  
5 associated with staff overtime payments and contractual services to provide Basic Life Service  
6 ambulance services. The source of revenue for this appropriation is generated from investment  
7 earnings in excess of the amount from this source that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in  
8 determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

9       **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is  
10 enacted.