



April 22, 2013

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 13-0211 – Supplementary General Fund Operating  
Appropriation –Department of General Services– \$500,000

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0211 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 to the Baltimore City Department of General Services. The source of the funds is the General Fund Assigned Fund Balance. The bill has an immediate effective date.

The City Charter establishes the criteria for making supplementary appropriations. City Charter, Art. VI, §8. Section 8(b)(1) of Article VI of the City Charter permits such a supplementary appropriation when additional funds above the revenue used to determine the tax levy to balance the year's budget are received that could not reasonably have been anticipated at the time the Ordinance of Estimates was formulated. The supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and must be approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance, which must identify the source of the funds and may only encompass a "single program, purpose, activity or project."

The Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

  
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Assistant Solicitor

cc: George Nilson, City Solicitor  
Angela C. Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison  
Elena DiPietro, Chief Solicitor  
Victor Tervalá, Assistant Solicitor

