



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Mayor

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Police Commissioner

November 12, 2014

Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

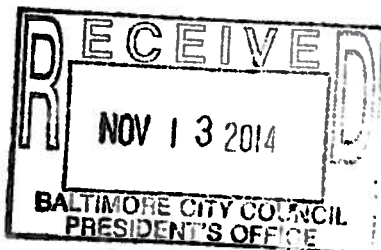
Attention: Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

**Re: City Council Bill No. 14-0442
Animal Control and Protection – Impoundment Reform**

Dear Council President Young and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 14-0442 – Animal Control and Protection – Impoundment Reform. The proposed legislation is for the purpose of deleting provisions allowing for the appeal of certain animal control decisions to the Circuit Court for Baltimore City by right; reducing the period in which an animal's owner must respond to the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license from 10 to 5 days; removing the requirement that a new owner of an animal whose previous owner has had a license denied, suspended, or revoked live outside of the City; clarifying the requirements for transferring an animal to a new owner when the previous owner's permit for the animal has been denied, suspended, or revoked; lengthening the period of time for which an individual who has had an animal permit denied or revoked may not apply for another animal permit; allowing for the temporary impoundment of an animal during certain investigations; requiring the payment of certain animal care expenses when an individual requests review of a decision regarding the animal; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to animal control and protection.

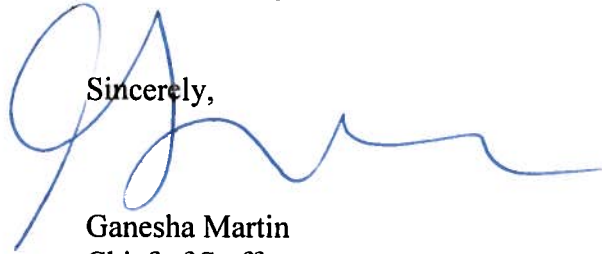
At this time, BPD does not foresee any implication on its operation or law enforcement abilities. We defer to the Department of Health regarding this legislation.



Defer to Health

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the legislation.

Sincerely,

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Ganesha Martin
Chief of Staff
Office of the Police Commissioner

cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison