



# BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

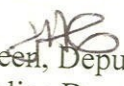


STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE  
Mayor

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FREDERICK H. BEALEFELD, III  
Police Commissioner

TO: The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Room 400 City Hall  
**Attn. Karen Randle**

FROM: James H. Green,  Deputy Chief Legal Counsel  
Baltimore Police Department

RE: City Council Bill 10-0604-Transitt and Traffic-Obstructing or Impeding  
Traffic

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill 10-0604-Transitt and Traffic-Obstructing or Impeding Traffic. The bill proposes to modify the amount of the penalty imposed for obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic.

It has been discussed by the Council that there may be proposed amendments to the bill to bifurcate the offenses currently addressed in the Code. If so, the BPD joins the Law Department in the request to examine the specifics of the proposals so that any enforcement concerns can be addressed and that this information is communicated to the department through training. The BPD has only enforcement responsibilities in this area and shares these responsibilities with the Parking Authority of Baltimore City. We will be happy to attend the hearing if any enforcement questions arise but defer to the Finance Department on the amount of penalty associated with the violation(s). Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

