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May 14, 2008

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 08-0107 – Immobilization of Vehicles – Booting Fee

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

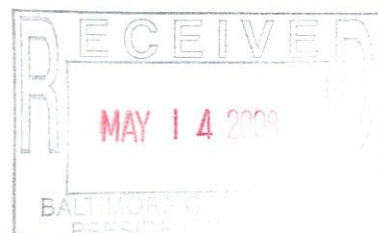
The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0107 (Immobilization of Vehicles – Booting Fee) for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would increase the “booting fee” from \$24 to \$100 and modify, correct and clarify certain language in sections 31-25 and 31-26 of Article 31 of the Baltimore City Code, which generally relate to vehicle immobilization and the rights of vehicle owners.

Article II, Section 48 of the Charter gives the Mayor and City Council the authority to provide for civil and criminal fines and penalties for the violation of any ordinance, rule or regulation provided that no fine or penalty shall exceed \$1,000. The new fine provided for in City Council Bill 08-0107 does not exceed \$1,000. The Bill is therefore consistent with the authority of the City Council.

The Law Department approves Council Bill 08-0107 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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