



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Veronica P. McBeth, Director, Department of Transportation
CC	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
DATE	June 8, 2026
SUBJECT	26-0201 • Charter Amendment – Parking Benefits District – Local Fund

Position: Unfavorable

BACKGROUND

Council Bill 26-0201 would authorize the creation of non-lapsing “parking benefits district funds” (“District”) in Baltimore City. The District would capture a portion of parking meter revenues and return it to the area in which they are established. Revenues captured by a District may be used for general neighborhood improvement and economic development purposes, with the caveat that they are to be used in addition to (not instead of) existing funding.

As the agency responsible for parking enforcement, this could impact operations by requiring additional enforcement requirements. Currently parking revenue is deposited in a separate parking fund which supports the Department’s parking enforcement operations, along with other parking related commitments. The revenue collected as part of this bill would be prioritized over covering the cost of operations or other fiduciary commitments. Reductions to revenues allocated to this parking fund may necessitate supplemental funds from the General Fund to be allocated toward parking enforcement. In addition, community demand for increased revenue may lead to an expansion of the footprint and/or operating hours of parking meters, resulting in greater demand for parking enforcement. The cost of additional enforcement may not be offset by increased parking meter revenue, leading to net losses to City revenues.

RECOMMENDATION

For the reasons above, the Department respectfully requests an unfavorable report on Council Bill 26-0201 but remains committed to working with Councilmembers and stakeholders to identify and address priorities through existing resources in an equitable, data-driven manner.