

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0045
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: March 24, 2025
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation –**
3 **Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban Forestry) – \$90,000**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the
5 amount of \$90,000 to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban
6 Forestry), to provide funding for addressing the pressing concerns surrounding the
7 detrimental impact of deer on the forested natural areas within Baltimore City parks,
8 particularly those affecting forest ecology in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”)
9 Inflation Reduction Act (“IRA”) Disadvantaged Communities; and providing for a special
10 effective date.

11 BY authority of
12 Article VI - Board of Estimates
13 Section 8(b)(2)(ii) and (c)
14 Baltimore City Charter
15 (1996 Edition)

16 **Recitals**

17 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents State funding from the State of
18 Maryland Department of Natural Resources Community Catalyst Fund in excess of the revenue
19 relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for
20 Fiscal Year 2025.

21 That funding could not have been expected with reasonable certainty when the Ordinance of
22 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2025 was formulated.

23 On February 7, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
24 Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Council Bill 25-0025

1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
2 \$90,000 shall be made available to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban
3 Forestry) as a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2025, to
4 provide funding for addressing the pressing concerns surrounding the detrimental impact of deer
5 on the forested natural areas within Baltimore City parks, particularly those affecting forest
6 ecology in EPA IRA Disadvantaged Communities. The source of revenue for this appropriation
7 is the State funding from the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Community
8 Catalyst Fund in excess of the amount from this source that was relied on by the Board of
9 Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

10 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
11 enacted.