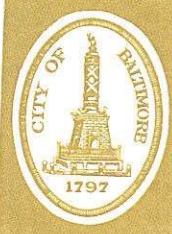


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**TO**

DATE:

The Honorable President and Members of City Council  
 City Hall 4<sup>th</sup> floor  
 100 N. Holliday Street

February 3, 2014

Please be advised of the following comments offered on behalf of the Baltimore Office of Sustainability.

City Council Bill # 14-0315 proposes to amend the City Charter, Section 11, Sustainability and Related Funds to add a third revenue source. The existing sources include money appropriated to the fund in the annual Ordinances of Estimates, and grants or donations made to the fund. The new revenue source would include proceeds from fines, fees and surcharges that would be officially dedicated by ordinance into the fund for uses specified within Section 11.

As a proposed amendment to the City Charter, the bill would have to be approved by the qualified voters of Baltimore City in order to be enacted.

The Office of Sustainability is appreciative of the intent of the amendments of Council Bill #14-0315, however must defer to the Office of Finance for direction. It is not clear how the recommended changes will impact the larger City budget.

Should you have any questions, I can be reached at 410-396-8360 or [beth.strommen@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:beth.strommen@baltimorecity.gov).

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