



June 19, 2014


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 14-0352 –Immobilization of Vehicles – Booting Fee

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 14-0352 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill authorizes an increase in the fee charged for the release of an immobilized vehicle from \$100 to \$150. It does so by amending Article 31, Section 31-26 of the Baltimore City Code.

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 14-0352 does not exceed \$1,000. As the fee is within the authority of the City Council to set, the Law Department approves Council Bill 14-0352 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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Special Assistant Solicitor

cc: George Nilson, City Solicitor
Angela C. Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison
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