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Honorable President and Members  
of the City Council of Baltimore  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Attn: Karen Randle  
Executive Secretary

Re: City Council Bill 10-0604  
Impeding Traffic Fine

Dear President and City Council Members:

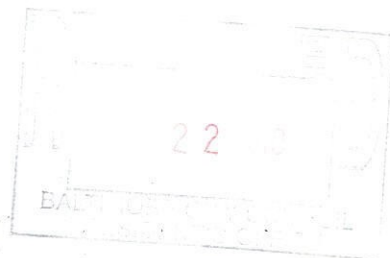
You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 10-0604. City Council Bill 604 is for the purpose of modifying the fine imposed for obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic and generally relating to the regulation of traffic and the parking, standing, and stopping of vehicles.

City Council Bill 604 is consistent with the City Council's authority. Therefore, the Law Department would approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Should the Committee choose to bifurcate the offenses encompassed by "obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic" to lessen the potential fiscal impact of the bill, the Law Department would need to know the specifics of any such proposed amendment before it could approve the bill as the answer is complicated by certain limitations in State law regarding the authority of local jurisdictions to legislate in this area.

Sincerely yours,

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Special Assistant City Solicitor



*F/comment*



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