

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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Baltimore, Maryland 21202

June 23, 2017

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

Re: City Council Bill 17-0089 – General Fund Appropriation Transfer –
M-R: Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to
The Police Department (Service 622 - Police Patrol) – \$9,000,000

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0089 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides for a transfer of a General Fund Appropriation in the amount of \$9,000,000 from M-R: Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to the Police Department (Service 622 - Police Patrol). The bill has an immediate effective date.

The City Charter permits transferring an appropriation in the Ordinance of Estimates from one entity to another so long as it recommended by the Board of Estimates and approved by ordinance of the Mayor and City Council. City Charter, Art. VI, §9(a)(2). Certain bill reports would be required if the transferred funds are for a capital expenditure, but there are no capital expenditures contemplated in these transfers. City Charter, Art. VI, §9.

In conformance with the City Charter, the bill states that the Board of Estimates approved the transfers on June 14, 2017. Since this bill is the appropriate mechanism to effectuate the transfers, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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