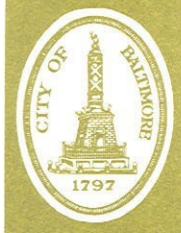


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The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill #09-0418 has been introduced for the purpose of providing for certain notices and procedures by which vehicles scheduled for foreclosure sale may be removed from the sale and repurposed for City uses; defining certain terms; and generally relating to vehicle procurement and forfeiture sales.

The Department of Transportation oversees the City's impound lot and the public auction of unclaimed vehicles in accordance with the Baltimore City Code. Vehicles are withheld from the auction if they are needed due to pending litigation or if they can be used for Police action. The subject Bill, if passed, will also provide the Department of General Services' Fleet Management Division an opportunity to review the unclaimed vehicle inventory prior to the scheduled foreclosure public auction. The Department of Public Works reports that vehicles identified for possible repurposing have to meet a high standard of criteria to be considered for inclusion in the existing City fleet. Once evaluated and approved, the Director of General Services will notify the Director of Finance to remove the identified vehicles from the forfeiture sale. The repurposed vehicles will not expand the current fleet; rather they will replace less reliable and repair-prone vehicles. Additionally, it should be noted that due to the standard associated with the evaluation process, the number of vehicles actually added to the fleet will be limited. Consequently, the cost savings will be negligible.

The Department of Finance supports the passage of Council 09-0418.

cc: Edward J. Gallagher
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