

## BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



December 3, 2009

TO:

The Honorable President and Members

of the Baltimore City Council

Room 400 City Hall Attn. Karen Randle

FROM:

James H. Green, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel

Baltimore Police Department

RE:

City Council Bill 09-0336-Parking Fines-Penalties for Nonpayment

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0336-Parking Fines-Penalties for Nonpayment. The bill proposes to set a limit on the amount of the penalty imposed for nonpayment of a citation issued for certain parking, stopping, standing, and related offenses and generally relating to fines, penalties, and procedures for certain offenses.

The Baltimore Police Department has only enforcement responsibilities in this area and shares these responsibilities with the Parking Authority of Baltimore City. We will be happy to attend the hearing if any enforcement questions arise but defer to the Parking Authority and the Finance Department on the amount of penalty associated with the violation(s). Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Frederick H. Bealefeld III, Police Commissioner, BPD Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

