


Andrew W. Kleine

FROM	NAME & TITLE	Andrew W. Kleine	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Bureau of the Budget and Management Research Room 432, City Hall (396-4941)		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill #10-0438		

DATE: September 16, 2010

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

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council bill 10-0438 would require digital video and audio recording devices in all new vehicles put in service by or for the Baltimore Police, and require that each year at least 20% of all vehicles put in service by or for the Baltimore Police Department must be equipped with digital video and audio recording devices.

The estimated cost of this action is \$6,000 per vehicle. In Fiscal 2010, 30 new replacement marked vehicles were allocated to the Police Department. If equipped with the digital video and audio recording devices, an additional \$180,000 would have been required. In order to equip 20% of the remaining marked fleet, (74 vehicles) an additional \$440,000 is required.

There is no funding source available in the Fiscal 2011 Adopted Budget to accommodate this additional cost. Notwithstanding the benefits of video and audio recording devices, given the severe economic circumstances of the City, the Department of Finance opposes passage of this bill and recommends that funding for equipping police vehicles with digital devices be considered in the development of the Fiscal 2012 budget.

Cc: Edward Gallagher
Angela Gibson

Visit our website @ www.baltimorecity.gov

