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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 21-0147 – Supplemental General Fund Operating Appropriation –
Mayoralty-Related: Miscellaneous General Expenses - \$7,002,637.06

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0147 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$7,002,637.06, to the M-R: Miscellaneous General Expenses - Service 122 (Miscellaneous General Expenses), to provide funding for technology upgrades, cost tracking and compliance costs, and grants for nonprofit organizations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; and providing for a special effective date.

The City Charter establishes the criteria for making supplementary appropriations. City Charter, Art. VI, §8. Section 8(b)(3) of Article VI of the City Charter permits such a supplementary appropriation when there has been “a material change in circumstance or additional appropriations for new programs which could not reasonably be anticipated at the time of the formulation of the proposed Ordinance of Estimates” for the fiscal year. The supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and must be approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance, which must identify the source of the funds and may only encompass a “single program, purpose, activity or project.” City Charter, Art. VI, §8(c). The Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ashlea Brown".

Ashlea Brown
Chief Solicitor

cc: James L. Shea, City Solicitor
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