



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the City Council
c/o Shamoyia Gardiner, Deputy Chief of Staff, Council President's Office

From: J Hardy, Community & Legislative Affairs Coordinator

Date: September 29th, 2025

Re: 25-0099 Supplementary Municipal Telephone Exchange Fund Operating Appropriation
Municipal Telephone Exchange (Service 133 - Telecommunications) – \$1,400,000

Position: Support

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 25-0099, introduced by the City Council President on behalf of the Administration (Department of Finance).

The purpose of this bill is to provide a Supplementary Municipal Telephone Exchange Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,400,000 to the Municipal Telephone Exchange, to provide funding for a series of one-time improvements to help upgrade the City's Call Center, support ongoing telework technology, increase wireless phone security, and support upgrades at the Courthouse and Pratt Library.

As stated in the bill, the revenue appropriated by this ordinance represents a Department of Telecommunications Fund balance in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates to determine the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2026. This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2026 was formulated and is necessitated by a change in circumstances.

This Supplemental Appropriation request was approved by the Board of Estimates on September 17, 2025.

The Office of the Comptroller supports the passage of City Council Bill 25-0099, as this Supplemental Appropriation is essential to strengthen the City's telecommunications infrastructure and improve security across agencies.

CC:

Celeste Amato, Chief of Staff, Comptroller Office
KC Kelleher, Deputy Chief of Staff, Comptroller's Office
Simon Etta, Director, Department of Telecommunications