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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 22-0247 – Obstructing Street-Motor Vehicles		

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TO

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

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Position: Does Not Oppose

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 22-0247, Obstructing Street-Motor Vehicles, the purpose of which is to prohibit and authorization the issuance of citations for obstruction of public streets without a permit for certain activities, such as stunt driving.

Background

The City currently prohibits obstructing any street, lane, sidewalk, footway, or alley in the City or any of their gutters under Baltimore City Code Article 19. Police Ordinances §50 Street Regulations. Violations can be enforced through a citation of \$50, as well as possible convictions with penalties of up to \$250 for the first conviction and up to \$500 for a second or subsequent conviction.

This legislation would establish a \$1,000 citation for obstructing streets, lanes, sidewalks, footways, or alleys for racing and stunt driving without a permit. Other surrounding jurisdictions have laws prohibiting this activity, but the City does not, which has led to organizers having these activities in the City.

Fiscal Impact

The Department of Finance anticipates minimal fiscal impact for the City from this legislation. Finance anticipates limited operational costs as the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) currently tracks and responds to these activities and does not anticipate additional dispatch in response to this legislation. Finance anticipates minimal annual revenue collections as a result of this legislation.

Conclusion

This legislation would prohibit racing and stunt driving and authorize the City to issue \$1,000 citations for individuals violating this law. The Department of Finance anticipates limited operational costs and annual revenue collections.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 22-0247.

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