



# BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE  
Mayor

ANTHONY W. BATTS  
Police Commissioner

April 29, 2014

Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
Room 400, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

*Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary*

**Re: City Council Bill No. 14-0370  
Animal Control – Impounding Nuisance Animals**

Dear Council President Young and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 14-0370 - Animal Control – Impounding Nuisance Animals. The proposed legislation would allow the impoundment of animals reasonably believed to be a public nuisance.

The BPD and the Health Department through the Office of Animal Control respond to a number of calls for service to investigate animal complaints. As the Council is aware, BPD has partnered with the Health Department to address animal complaints and is supportive of the City's efforts to collectively deal with the issue. Furthermore, BPD is supportive of impounding animals that pose a threat to public safety and will coordinate our efforts with the Health Department to assist them in impounding animals that are a public nuisance. The Baltimore Police Department defers to the Health Department regarding this proposed legislation.

Thank you for allowing the department the opportunity to comment on the proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

Ganesha Martin  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the Police Commissioner

c: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

*F / Defers to Health*