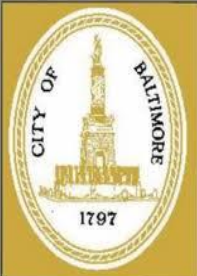


FROM	NAME & TITLE	Richard J. Luna, Interim Director	CITY of BALTIMORE  <i>MEMO</i>	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Public Works 600 Abel Wolman Municipal Building		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 24-0483		

February 27, 2024

**TO:**

Ways and Means Committee

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 24-0483 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Bureau of Treasury Management).

The purpose of the Bill is to increase the maximum aggregate principal amount of revenue obligations that may be outstanding, as of June 30 of every year, under Ordinance 18-174, as amended by the City to finance or refinance stormwater facilities; to amend and restate sections of Ordinance 18-174; provide for a special effective date; and generally relating to the issuance and payment of revenue obligations.

Ordinance 18-174 authorized the City to issue revenue obligations to finance stormwater facilities within the geographical limits of the City's stormwater system. The maximum aggregate principal amount of revenue obligations allowed under the Ordinance is \$202,000,000. Increases are sought from time to time, based on the projected borrowing needs of the Stormwater Utility to finance stormwater system improvements necessary to meet the City's regulatory responsibilities under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit (MS4 permit) and to continue modernizing and repairing facilities for reliability. The projects funded by these authorizations are included in the City's Capital Improvement Program and are incorporated into the annual Ordinance of Estimates. The debt incurred is a revenue obligation of the Stormwater Utility and is not a general obligation or pledge of the City's full faith and credit.

City Council Bill 24-0483 would provide the first increase to the Stormwater Utility's maximum revenue obligations of \$320,000,000. This increase is necessary to have sufficient authorization to satisfy anticipated borrowing needs. Section 2 of Ordinance 18-174 would be amended to clarify that revenue obligations are authorized for the financing or refinancing of the cost of financed facilities and for repaying the City for amounts of financed facilities in anticipation of issuance of revenue bonds. It also states that the aggregate principal amount of revenue obligations that are outstanding may not exceed \$320,000,000 as of June 30 of every year.

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The Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 24-0483.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RJL', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard J. Luna  
Interim Director

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