



CITY OF BALTIMORE  
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

<b>TO</b>	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
<b>FROM</b>	Bob Cenname, Deputy Finance Director <i>Bob Cenname</i>
<b>DATE</b>	May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
<b>SUBJECT</b>	26-0164 Charter Amendment – Inspector General – Custodian of Records

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

**Position: Defers to the Law Department**

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 26-0164 Charter Amendment – Inspector General – Custodian of Records, the purpose of which is designating the Inspector General as a custodian of agency records under certain circumstances; providing constructive supervisory authority to the Inspector General under certain circumstances; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

**Background**

This legislation would send to the voters for approval or dismissal a Charter amendment to expand the authority of Baltimore’s Office of the Inspector General. Specifically, it designates the Inspector General as a custodian of agency records when investigating fraud, waste, or abuse in City government. It also grants the Inspector General supervisory authority over those records and individuals connected to them, including personnel-related information.

**Fiscal Impact**

The Department of Finance does not anticipate a cost for the City as a result of this legislation.

**Conclusion**

This legislation would expand the authority of the Office of the Inspector General by clarifying the Office’s access to agency records and establishing supervisory authority in the context of investigations into fraud, waste, and abuse. The Department of Finance anticipates minimal fiscal impact from this legislation, if passed by Baltimore City voters.

**For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance defers to the Law Department on City Council Bill 26-0164.**

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