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Police Commissioner

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TO: The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400 City Hall
Attn. Karen Randle

FROM: James H. Green, ^{HB} Legal Affairs Section
Baltimore Police Department

RE: City Council Bill No. 09-0319-Impound Towing-Fees

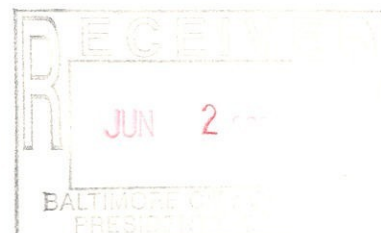
The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 09-0319-Impound Towing-Fees which sets maximum towing, storage, and related charges that may be imposed on the owners and operators of impounded vehicles. The proposed legislation also establishes a period within which these charges may not be increased.

In April 2009, the BPD, Department of Transportation, and the Baltimore Towers Association renewed the Towing Rates Agreement which provides for rates and charges for towing services in Baltimore. These charges are in line with the surrounding jurisdictions in this area. A review of the storage fees also shows that these charges too are consistent with the surrounding jurisdictions. The BPD understands the concerns of the sponsor however feel that these concerns are best addressed at the time contact renewal and that the prevailing rates and other jurisdictions rates should be considered without requesting an ordinance from the Council.

The BPD stands willing to assist in the City's collective efforts in this area and will continue to work with the Department of Transportation to ensure the best and fairest services for our citizens. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Frederick H. Bealefeld III, Police Commissioner, BPD
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