

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 20-0596
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: September 21, 2020
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of General Services,
Department of Finance, Board of Estimates

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation –**
3 **Department of General Services – \$2,500,000**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the
5 amount of \$2,500,000 to the Department of General Services – Service 726 (Administration
6 – General Services), to provide funding to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2020, due to
7 unanticipated expenditures because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and providing for a special
8 effective date.

9 BY authority of
10 Article VI - Board of Estimates
11 Section 8(b)(3) and (c)
12 Baltimore City Charter
13 (1996 Edition)

14 **Recitals**

15 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents funds from the Budget Stabilization
16 Reserve in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy
17 required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2020.

18 This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of
19 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2020 was formulated.

20 This appropriation is made necessary by a material change in circumstances since the
21 Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2020 was formulated or is for a new program that could
22 not have been reasonably anticipated when that Ordinance of Estimates was formulated.

23 On September 16, 2020, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
24 Council.

25 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
26 \$2,500,000 shall be made available to the Department of General Services – Service 726

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (Administration – General Services) as a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation
2 for Fiscal Year 2020, to provide funding for unanticipated expenditures because of the COVID-
3 19 pandemic. The source of revenue for this appropriation is funds from the Budget Stabilization
4 Reserve in excess of the amount from this source that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in
5 determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2020.

6 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
7 enacted.