

## BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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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:

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Baltimore Police Department

RE:

City Council Bill No. 08-0251-Parade-Permit Requirements

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 08-0251-Parade-Permit Requirements which increases the penalties for parading without a permit, transfers permit requirements to the Department of General Services and repeals obsolete or unnecessary provisions of Article 19-Police Ordinances regarding parades.

The bill proposes that the permit for parades process be consolidated and that the issuance and the responsibilities be carried out by the Department of General Services. As proposed, the Department of General Services will promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this function.

The BPD supports these changes. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Frederick H. Bealefeld III, Police Commissioner, BPD Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

