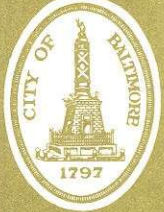


FROM	NAME & TITLE	Rudolph S. Chow, P.E., Director	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Public Works 600 Abel Wolman Municipal Building		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 14-0376		

TO DATE: May 19, 2014

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0376 introduced by the Council President on behalf of the Administration (Bureau of Treasury Management).

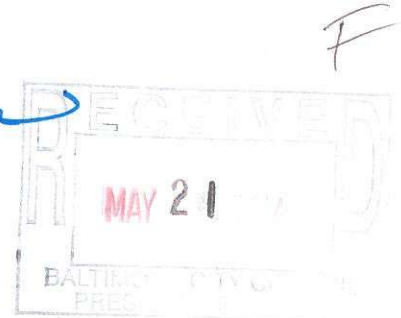
The purpose of the Bill is to increase the maximum aggregate principal amount of revenue obligations that may be issued by the City under Ordinance 02-332, as last amended by Ordinance 11-430; and providing for a special effective date.

Ordinance 90-496 authorized the City to issue revenue obligations to finance wastewater facilities within the limits of the City’s water system. The most recent amendment, Ordinance 11-430, increased the maximum revenue obligations to \$1,110,000,000. Increases are sought from time to time, based on the projected borrowing needs of the Bureau of Water and Wastewater for the Wastewater Utility, in order to finance wastewater system improvements necessary to meet the City’s regulatory responsibilities and to continue modernizing and repairing facilities for reliability. City Council Bill 14-0376, if approved, would increase the maximum revenue obligations to \$2,363,000,000. The Wastewater Utility is expected to reach its current maximum authorized limit by the end of this calendar year. The projects funded by these authorizations are included in the Capital Improvement Program (FY2014 – FY2019) and are incorporated into the annual Ordinance of Estimates. The debt incurred is a revenue obligation of the Wastewater Utility and is not a general obligation or pledge of the City’s full faith and credit. This requested increase would provide necessary funding for continued investment in aging wastewater infrastructure, Consent Decree projects, improvements at the two wastewater treatment plants to reduce the amount of nutrients impacting the Bay and its tributaries, and normal capital improvement and expansion service needs planned for over the next six years.

The Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 14-0376.

Sincerely,


Rudolph S. Chow, P.E.



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