

TRANSMITTAL MEMO

TO: The Council President

FROM: Peter Little, Executive Director

DATE: July 7, 2016

RE: Council Bill 16-0687



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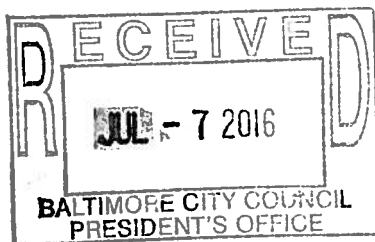
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 16-0687, Valet Parking – Offenses by Operators and Hosts. Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Administration (Parking Authority).

The purpose of this bill is to correct an inadvertent omission in the statutory list of offenses by valet parking operators that are subject to various administrative sanctions and civil fines, conforming that list to the otherwise consonant list applicable to offenses by valet parking hosts; and to modify the civil fines to be imposed for various valet-parking-related offenses based on their relative severity.

In late 2013, the Parking Authority worked with the Mayor’s Office, City Council, the Baltimore City Department of Transportation, and other agencies to obtain passage of legislation to regulate valet parking (the “Valet Law”). The intent of the Valet Law was to prevent harm to communities and consumers caused by unregulated valet parking operations while preserving valet parking as a solution that helps marry parking demand, at its source, with off-street parking supply. In 2014 and 2015, the Parking Authority and Baltimore City Department of Transportation implemented the Valet Law and promulgated the associated regulations, resulting in significant improvements to public safety, neighborhood protection, and consumer protections.

As enforcement of the Valet Law began, it became apparent that that certain code sections needed clarification – the sections related to civil fines. The Valet Law currently sets fines at up to \$500 for the first offense, and up to \$1,000 for subsequent offenses. Fair and efficient valet parking enforcement requires clarification of the fines for various violations to make them proportional to the egregiousness of each type of infraction, and enumeration of the fines in City Code. This bill provides that clarity and structure.

Therefore, the Parking Authority supports the passage of City Council Bill 16-0687.



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