



May 12, 2010

Honorable President and Members  
of the City Council of Baltimore  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Attn: Karen Randle  
Executive Secretary

Re: City Council Bill 10-0489 – Miscellaneous Offenses – Citation and  
Penalty Amounts

Dear President and City Council Members:

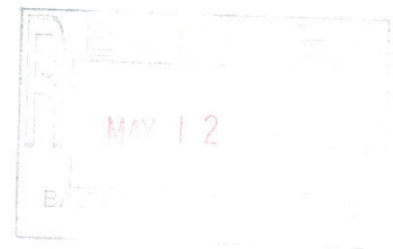
You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 10-0489. City Council Bill 489 modifies the fines for certain offenses including drinking or possessing open containers in public places, compliance with park rules, spitting or urinating in public, indoor smoking, sale of unpackaged cigarettes or flavored tobacco wrappings, disorderly drinking, and ticket scalping.

The title of Section 12-607 needs to be changed to reflect the new penalty amount. An amendment is attached.

City Council Bill 489 is consistent with the City's powers under the Charter to establish fines for violations of City ordinances. *See* Baltimore City Charter, Art. II, § 48. Therefore, the Law Department would approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

Ashlea H. Brown  
Assistant City Solicitor



cc: Angela Gibson, City Council Liaison, Mayor's Office  
George Nilson, City Solicitor  
Elena DiPietro, Chief Solicitor  
Hilary Ruley, Assistant Solicitor  
Terese Brown, Assistant Solicitor

Amendment to Council Bill 10-489  
(First Reader Copy)

By: Law Department  
{To be offered to the Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee}

Amendment No. 1

On page 5, in line 12, delete "\$250" and insert "\$1,000".