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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill: 10-0604 – Impeding Traffic Fine

CITY of  
BALTIMORE  
**MEMO**



**TO** The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
C/O Karen Randle  
Room 409, City Hall

DATE: November 12, 2010

Attention: Karen Randle

This bill is for the purpose of modifying the fine imposed for obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic; and generally relating to the regulation of traffic and the parking, standing, and stopping of vehicles.

**Analysis**

The fine amount of \$250 was set in June of 2010 by the City Council as part of the Mayor's revenue enhancement package that increased parking fines. The original proposal by the Mayor limited parking fines to a 20% across the board increase. The City Council opted to adjust specific fines to achieve the targeted revenues.

The citations for this particular violation include a broad range of offenses including blocking alleys, blocking the box and double parking. The violations are recorded as impeding traffic with no additional detail, preventing analysis of specific types of traffic impediments such as blocking alleys, blocking the box or some other specific infraction.

**Fiscal Impact**

Currently it is estimated the fine for impeding traffic brings in \$1.6 million in revenue. If the fine were changed to \$100, revenues would fall to \$646 thousand. This represents a \$970 thousand loss in City revenues.

Projections for Impeding Traffic			
	Citation Price	12-Month Citations	Total Est'd Revenue
Obstruct/Impeding Flow of Traffic - Current	\$250	6,469	\$1,617,250
Obstruct/Impeding Flow of Traffic - Proposed	\$100	6,469	\$646,900
<b>Gain or loss in revenue</b>			<b>-\$970,350</b>

**Recommendation**

The Department of Finance recommends against passage of City Council Bill 10-0604.

Cc: Edward Gallagher  
Angela Gibson

