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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

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Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill #08-0056 has been introduced for the purpose of modifying the rules for mixed refuse collection following a holiday; clarifying and correcting certain language; and generally relating to the collection of garbage and mixed refuse.

If approved, this Bill would change the mixed refuse collection schedule relative to collection pick-up following a holiday. The current collection schedule is that refuse will be collected on the next regularly scheduled collection day. Council Bill #08-0056 would require that the collection be made on the next business day following the holiday. In order to adhere to next business day collection, the Department of Public Works Solid Waste Division would have to either expand its operations by adding additional staff, vehicles and equipment, or it would have to perform a "double" collection day on an overtime basis. DPW estimates the following costs to carry-out the new schedule as follows:

Expansion - \$10,548,676 per year, plus a one time equipment purchase of \$7,480,000; or

Overtime - \$424,320 to \$678,912 per year

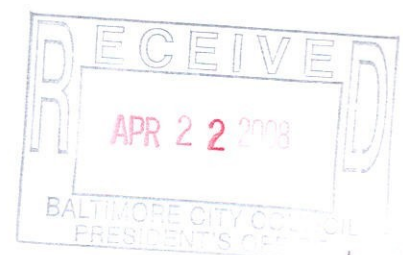
Both of these scenarios exclude costs associated with administration and the additional gasoline consumption.

Funding for either scenario is not included in the Fiscal 2009 Preliminary Budget Plan. Consequently, if this legislation was approved, its implementation would impact service delivery in other areas of the Department of Public Works.

Based on these findings, the Department of Finance does not support passage of Council Bill #08-0056.

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