

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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December 6, 2012

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 12-0157 – Supplementary General Fund Operating
Appropriation – Fire Department - \$1,100,000

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0157 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,100,000 to the Fire Department. The bill has an immediate effective date.

The City Charter establishes the circumstances that permit supplementary appropriations. Article VI, § 8(b)(3) provides for supplementary appropriations when they are made necessary by a material change in circumstances for programs included in the Ordinance of Estimates or when new programs arise which could not reasonably be anticipated at the time the Ordinance of Estimates was formulated. The above section of the City Charter makes such supplementary appropriations contingent on approval by the Board of Estimates.

The Recitals contained in Council Bill 12-0157 indicate that the above Charter requirements are satisfied. The Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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