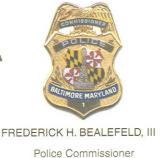


BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



May 15, 2008

TO:

The Honorable President and Members

of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Karen Randle Room 400 City Hall

FROM:

James H. Green, Deputy Legal Counsel

Baltimore Police Department

RE:

City Council Resolution No. 08-0095-Illegal Dumping-Forfeiture of

Vehicle

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) supports the adoption of City Council Bill No. 08-0095-Illegal Dumping-Forfeiture of Vehicle. The Bill authorizes the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles used for the illegal disposal of waste or other material.

The BPD works with the Department of Public Works (DPW) to form the Environmental Crimes Enforcement Unit (ECEU) which investigates and enforces violations of environmental crime in Baltimore. Illegal dumping is a serious problem in Baltimore and creates both a sanitary and public safety hazard. In 2008, the ECEU has investigated over 220 complaints related to environmental violations, the majority of which relate to illegal dumping. The seizure and forfeiture of vehicles will be a very effective enforcement tool against the persons who violate this law and will also serve as a deterrent to this type of crime. The BPD is very pleased to share additional information with the Council on this issue. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc:

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