



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Mayor

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ANTHONY W. BATTS
Police Commissioner

TO: The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400 City Hall
Attn. Karen Randle

FROM: ^{JAG} James H. Green, Director Government Affairs
Baltimore Police Department

RE: City Council Bill No. 13-0226-Signs on or Affecting Public Property-Civil Penalties

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill No. 13-0226-Signs on or Affecting Public Property-Civil Penalties. The proposed legislation would increase the civil penalties for posting signs on or affecting public property.

The Law Department's June 19, 2013 recommends an amendment to clarify the legality of the proposal. The BPD supports the bill as amended. As amended, enforcement of the prohibition is clear for the law enforcement officer. Increasing the penalty will serve as a strong deterrent to the prohibition. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison



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