

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0099
(First Reader)

Introduced by: The Council President

At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)

Introduced and read first time: September 29, 2025

Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Office of the Comptroller, Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore City Information Technology

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary Municipal Telephone Exchange Fund Operating Appropriation –**
3 **Municipal Telephone Exchange (Service 133 - Telecommunications) – \$1,400,000**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Municipal Telephone Exchange Fund Operating
5 Appropriation in the amount of \$1,400,000 to the Municipal Telephone Exchange (Service
6 133 - Telecommunications), to provide funding for a series of one-time improvements to help
7 upgrade the City's Call Center, support ongoing telework technology, increase wireless
8 phone security, and support upgrades at the Courthouse and Pratt Library; and providing for a
9 special effective date.

10 BY authority of
11 Article VI - Board of Estimates
12 Section 8(b)(2)(i) and (c)
13 Baltimore City Charter
14 (1996 Edition)

15 **Recitals**

16 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents a Municipal Telephone Exchange
17 fund balance in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax
18 levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

19 This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of
20 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2026 was formulated.

21 The municipal agency responsible for the production of this additional revenue is the Office
22 of the Comptroller.

23 On September 17, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
24 Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
2 \$1,400,000 shall be made available to the Municipal Telephone Exchange
3 (Service 133 - Telecommunications) as a Municipal Telephone Exchange Fund Operating
4 Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2026, to provide funding for a series of one-time improvements to
5 help upgrade the City's Call Center, support ongoing telework technology, increase wireless
6 phone security, and support upgrades at the Courthouse and Pratt Library. The source of revenue
7 for this appropriation is a Municipal Telephone Exchange fund balance in excess of the amount
8 from this source that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required
9 to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

10 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
11 enacted.