

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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The Honorable President and  
Members of the Baltimore  
City Council  
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary  
409 City Hall  
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: City Council Bill 09-0336 – Parking Fines- Penalties for Nonpayment

Dear President and Members

You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 09-0336. City Council Bill 336 amends the current provisions of Article 31, Section 36-22(b) to set a limit on the amount of the penalty imposed for nonpayment of a citation issued for certain parking, stopping, standing, and related offenses. Specifically, the bill would limit the total amount of fines and penalties for certain parking and related citations to \$16 for each month or part of a month the citation remains unsatisfied or 5 times the amount of the fine imposed for the violation for which the citation was issued whichever is less. Currently, there are no limits on the amount of the penalties that can accrue on a citation that has not been paid.

City Council Bill 09-0336 is within the authority of the City Council. The Law Department, therefore, approves City Council Bill 09-0336 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

Elena R. DiPietro  
Chief Solicitor

cc: Honorable Bernard Young  
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