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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 21-0164 – Decennial Fire and Emergency Medical Services Redistricting Plan		

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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

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Position: Does Not Oppose

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 21-0164, Decennial Fire and Emergency Medical Services Redistricting Plan, the purpose of which is to require that the Fire Chief present a plan related to the redistricting of the Baltimore City Fire Battalions and Emergency Medical Services Districts to the Mayor and City Council for their consideration, amendment, and approval.

Background

This legislation requires that after each decennial census of the United States, the Fire Chief will review the census data, Fire Suppression and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) call volume trends, and response times to develop a redistricting plan. This plan will adjust the geographic boundaries, composition, and allocations of resources of each Fire Battalion and EMS District. More so, under this measure, the plan must be presented to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for their consideration, amendment, and approval within one year from the issuance of the decennial census data by the United States Census Bureau.

Fiscal Impact

The Department of Finance does not anticipate a cost for the City as a result of this legislation, as the work will be completed internally by the named agencies. However, we defer to the BCFD in determining if additional resources will be needed. Budget requests for additional funds to implement this legislation or the recommendations of the plan will need to be submitted and reviewed through the annual budget process.

Conclusion

The Department of Finance will attend the hearing for this bill and respond to any fiscal inquiries.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 21-0164.

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