


TRANSMITTAL MEMO

TO: Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, President, City Council
Members of City Council

FROM: Peter Little, Executive Director 

DATE: May 14th, 2008

RE: City Council Bill 08-0107



I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 08-0107, introduced by Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake at the request of the Administration (Department of Transportation) For the purpose of accommodating new technology in the immobilization of vehicles by increasing the "booting fee" and modifying certain limiting references; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related language; and generally relating to vehicle immobilization and the rights of vehicle owners.

The Baltimore City Parking Authority, Inc. reviewed the proposed legislation and supports the Bill. This new booting fee will allow the City to introduce the Smart Boot system, which greatly enhances customer service to those whose vehicles have been booted. The deployment of the Smart Boot solution will also complement the currently deployed License Plate Recognition (LPR) program to create comprehensive scofflaw identification and immobilization program that will significantly improve the City's Parking Enforcement operations. Increased Booting Fees will also help to deter parking violations of all types, which will therefore help the City better manage its parking assets.

Based on the above comments, the Baltimore City Parking Authority, Inc. supports the passage of City Council Bill 08-0107.

