## CITY OF BALTIMORE

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Mayor
The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
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DEPARTMENT OF LAW ANDRE M. DAVIS, CITY SOLICITOR 100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET SUITE 101, CITY HALL BALTIMORE, MD 21202

Re: City Council Bill 19-0395 - Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation -Fire Department- \$7,000,000

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0395 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$7,000,000 to the Baltimore City Fire Department. The bill shall take effect on the date that it is enacted.

The City Charter establishes the criteria for making supplementary appropriations. City Charter, Art. VI, §8. Section 8(b) of Article VI of the City Charter permits such a supplementary appropriation to be made available to the appropriate municipal agency when funds become available that could not have been reasonably be anticipated when the Ordinance of Estimates for FY 19 was formulated. The supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and must be approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance, which may only encompass a "single program, purpose, activity or project." See Sec. 8(c). The bill provides that the source of revenue as funds from Investment Earnings in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for FY 19..

The Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

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