

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0111
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President

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

Introduced and read first time: October 20, 2025

Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Baltimore City Fire Department

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation – Department of**
3 **Recreation and Parks – \$5,630,976**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the
5 amount of \$5,630,976 to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban
6 Forestry), to provide funding to balance the Department of Recreation and Parks’ Fiscal Year
7 2025 budget for a deficit caused by overtime and unbudgeted contractual costs; and providing
8 for a special effective date.

9 BY authority of

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

14 **Recitals**

15 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents \$5,630,976 in excess of the revenue
16 relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for
17 Fiscal Year 2025.

18 This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of
19 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2025 was formulated.

20 This appropriation is made necessary by a material change in circumstances since the
21 Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2025 was formulated or is for a new program that could
22 not have been reasonably anticipated when that Ordinance of Estimates was formulated.

23 On October 15, 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 \$5,630,976 shall be made available to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654
3 (Urban Forestry) as a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year
4 2025, to provide funding to balance the Department of Recreation and Parks’ Fiscal Year 2025
5 budget for a deficit caused by overtime and unbudgeted contractual costs. The source of revenue
6 for this appropriation is General Fund assigned Fund Balance in excess of the amount from this
7 source that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to
8 balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

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