

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE **25-021**
Council Bill 25-0045

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: March 24, 2025
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee
Committee Report: Favorable, with Amendments
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: May 12, 2025

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

**Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation --
Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban Forestry) – \$90,000**

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$90,000 to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban Forestry), to provide funding for addressing the pressing concerns surrounding the detrimental impact of deer on the forested natural areas within Baltimore City parks, particularly those affecting forest ecology in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Inflation Reduction Act (“IRA”) Disadvantaged Communities; and providing for a special effective date.

BY authority of
Article VI - Board of Estimates
Section 8(b)(2)(ii) and (c)
Baltimore City Charter
(1996 Edition)

Recitals

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents ~~State funding~~ a grant from the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources Community Catalyst Fund in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

That ~~funding~~ grant could not have been expected with reasonable certainty when the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2025 was formulated.

On February 7, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.
~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

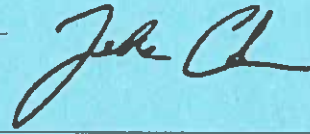
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1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
2 \$90,000 shall be made available to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 654 (Urban
3 Forestry) as a Supplementary State Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2025, to
4 provide funding for addressing the pressing concerns surrounding the detrimental impact of deer
5 on the forested natural areas within Baltimore City parks, particularly those affecting forest
6 ecology in EPA IRA Disadvantaged Communities. The source of revenue for this appropriation
7 is ~~the State funding a grant~~ from the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources
8 Community Catalyst Fund in excess of the amount from this source that was relied on by the
9 Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year
10 2025.

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

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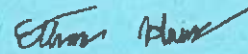
Certified as duly passed this 12th day of May, 2025



President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 12th day of May, 2025



Chief Clerk

Approved this 9th day of June, 2025

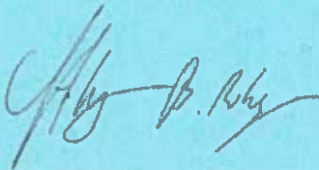


Mayor, Baltimore City

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Director of Finance

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency.

this 13th day of May, 2025



Chief Solicitor