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

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Attention: Karen Randle

City Council Bill # 08-0179 as proposed would establish a new, uniform tax rate for parking motor vehicles on parking lots or in garages.

The current City tax rate is \$15 per month for parking on a monthly or longer basis and 12% for transient parkers.

In FY 2008, the City had 577,494 monthly or longer parkers and \$78.7 million worth of gross revenue from transient parking. Parking tax revenues totaled over \$18 million.

The Bill would establish a uniform tax rate of 15.5% for all parking, whether on an hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, or longer basis.

The Finance Department projects a \$4.4 million net revenue increase, assuming gross revenue on parking remains the same as in Fiscal 2008.

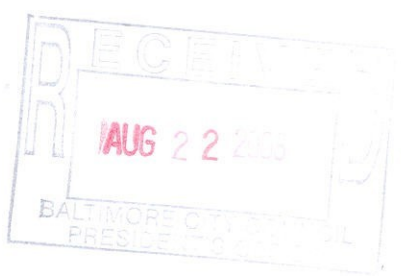
A uniform tax rate would simplify compliance for owners of parking lots/ garages, who would no longer need to separately report gross revenues by transient and monthly or longer basis parking, which have different tax rates. It would also discourage underreporting of monthly or longer parkers.

Increased parking tax revenues are part of a plan to fund a free Downtown Shuttle Bus Service.

The Department of Finance supports the passage of City Council Bill #08-0179.

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