

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Brandon M. Scott Mayor

Michael S. Harrison Police Commissioner

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Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council Room 400, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

> RE: City Council Bill #21-0125 Trespass Towing- Revisions

Dear Council President Mosby and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 21-0125 which is for the purpose of making certain substantive and technical revisions to Article 15 {"Licensing and Regulation"}, Subtitle 22 {"Towing Services – Trespass Towing"}; establishing certain maximum charges for towing services; specifying certain required information to be included on towing service receipts and on daily logs maintained by each towing service; specifying certain limitations on incomplete tows; requiring that a towing service must accept credit cards; prohibiting certain instances of patrol towing; making certain stylistic changes; conforming, clarifying, and correcting related provisions; and generally related to the regulation of trespass towing services in Baltimore City.

The BPD has no objections to City Council Bill 21-0125 but defers to DOT on this matter. Thank you for allowing us to weigh in on this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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