

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 21-0138  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)  
Introduced and read first time: September 20, 2021  
Assigned to: Ways and Means Committee

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

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation –**  
3 **Fire Department – \$2,350,000**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the  
5 amount of \$2,350,000 to the Fire Department – Service 602 (Fire Suppression and  
6 Emergency Rescue), to provide funding for the cost of operating 2 fire suppression  
7 companies; and providing for a special effective date.

8 BY authority of  
9 Article VI - Board of Estimates  
10 Section 8(b)(3) and (c)  
11 Baltimore City Charter  
12 (1996 Edition)

13 **Recitals**

14 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents funds from Red Light Fines in excess  
15 of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance  
16 the budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

17 This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of  
18 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2021 was formulated.

19 This appropriation is made necessary by a material change in circumstances since the  
20 Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2021 was formulated or is for a new program that could  
21 not have been reasonably anticipated when that Ordinance of Estimates was formulated.

22 On September 15, 2021, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City  
23 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       \$2,350,000 shall be made available to the Fire Department – Service 602 (Fire Suppression and  
3       Emergency Rescue) as a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year  
4       2021, to provide funding for the cost of operating 2 fire suppression companies. The source of  
5       revenue for this appropriation is funds from Red Light Fines in excess of the amount from this  
6       source that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to  
7       balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

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