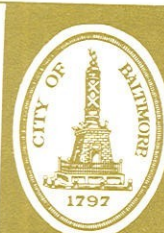


FROM	NAME & TITLE	Khalil A. Zaied, Director	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation 417 East Fayette Street, Room 527		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 10-0604		

TO

DATE:

The Honorable President and Members
of the City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 City Hall

November 24, 2010

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 10-0604, Transit and Traffic - Obstructing or Impeding Traffic. This bill is introduced to modify the fine imposed for obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic from \$250 to \$100; and generally relating to the regulation of traffic and the parking, standing, and stopping of vehicles.

As indicated in the Department of Finance's report, the City Council set the \$250 fine amount in June 2010 to address the budget shortfall. The Mayor's original proposal limited the increase to 20 percent of the fiscal year 2010 fine amount, which would have raised the fines from \$77 to about \$92. Therefore, this bill is more in line with the Mayor's original recommendation for this particular fine amount.

So long as blocking traffic continues to be an enforceable offense in the City of Baltimore and the fine continues to serve as an adequate deterrent, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has no position on what the fine amount should be. Therefore, DOT defers to the Department of Finance on this issue. However, the Department would be happy to work with the City Council on determining alternative legislative or administrative fixes to address any particular concerns.

Respectfully,

Frank Murphy

~~For~~ Khalil A. Zaied
Director

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- Cc: Ms. Angela C. Gibson
- Mr. Jamie Kendrick
- Mr. Frank Murphy
- Ms. Barbara Zektick

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