

CITY OF BALTIMORE

SHEILA DIXON, Mayor



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February 11, 2009

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 08-0255 – Taxicabs and Other Common Carriers –
Refusal to Pay Fare

Dear Madame President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 08-0255 for form and legal sufficiency. It clarifies certain language in subtitle 52, Taxicabs of Article 19 of the Baltimore City Code. In addition, it increases the penalty for failure to pay for transportation in a taxicab or other common carrier from fifty to two hundred fifty dollars.

This bill is consistent with City Charter Article II section 27 granting the City general police powers and section 48 allowing for fines that do not exceed one thousand dollars. Therefore, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 08-0255 for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hilary Ruley", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Hilary Ruley
Assistant Solicitor

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