

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 25-0106**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)  
Introduced and read first time: October 20, 2025  
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee  
Committee Report: Favorable  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: November 10, 2025

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation –  
Fire Department – \$38,520,093**

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$38,520,093 to the Fire Department – Service 602 (Fire Suppression and Emergency Rescue), to provide funding to balance the Fire Department’s Fiscal Year 2025 budget to cover a deficit caused by overtime, staffing costs, and contractual EMS services; and providing for a special effective date.

BY authority of  
Article VI - Board of Estimates  
Section 8(b)(2)(iii) and (c)  
Baltimore City Charter  
(1996 Edition)

**Recitals**

The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents \$38,520,093 in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2025 was formulated.

This appropriation is made necessary by a material change in circumstances since the Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2025 was formulated or is for a new program that could not have been reasonably anticipated when that Ordinance of Estimates was formulated.

On October 15, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City Council.

**EXPLANATION:** CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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1       **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That  
2       \$38,520,093 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       2025, to provide funding to balance the Fire Department’s Fiscal Year 2025 budget to cover a  
5       deficit caused by overtime, staffing costs, and contractual EMS services. The source of revenue  
6       for this appropriation is General Fund assigned Fund Balance in excess of the amount from this  
7       source that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to  
8       balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

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

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Certified as duly passed this 24th day of November, 20 25



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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 25th day of November, 20 25



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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City