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**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE**

Mission Statement

The Budget and Appropriations Committee (BA) is responsible for ensuring taxpayer dollars are expended prudently and equitably. BA will exercise regular oversight of the funding and spending practices of City agencies, the City's budget, expenditures, loans, and other financial matters. The committee's areas of jurisdiction include all budgets & appropriations, taxation, financial services, consumer protection, audits, and the Comptroller's Office.

**The Honorable Danielle McCray
Chairwoman**

PUBLIC HEARING

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025
BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM**

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council Bill Numbers: 25-0024 through 25-0034

**Six (6) Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating
Appropriations**

Five (5) General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfers

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Budget and Appropriations

Bill Numbers 25-0024 through 25-0034

Six (6) Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriations

Five (5) General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfers

Sponsor: President Cohen at the request of the Department of Finance (Administration)

Introduced: February 10, 2025

Purpose:

See attached First Reader Copies.

Effective: On the date it is enacted – All Bills Herewith

Agency Reports

See attached paperwork

Analysis

Current Law

For Supplementary Revenue Fund Operating Appropriations

Article VI – Board of Estimates, Section 8 – Ordinance of Estimates – Deficiencies: Supplementary Appropriations - Baltimore City Charter governs the mandates for supplementary appropriations.

(b)Supplementary appropriations — when authorized.

(2)Additional appropriations are permitted during the fiscal year only in the following circumstances and under the following conditions:

(i)Excess revenues.

Revenues from any source other than the full rate property tax and other taxes imposed under the authority of **Article II**, in excess of or in addition to those relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget, may be made available for expenditure by the municipal agency responsible for the production of those revenues by a supplementary appropriation ordinance recommended to the City Council by the Board of Estimates, duly passed by the City Council by a majority vote of its members and approved by the Mayor.

(c)Supplementary appropriations – Requisites of ordinance.

Every such further or additional appropriation shall be embodied in a separate ordinance limited to a single program, purpose, activity or project therein stated, and each such supplementary appropriation ordinance shall also, anything contained in the Charter to the contrary notwithstanding, provide the revenue necessary to pay the appropriation by a source, other than the full rate property tax, imposed under the authority of **Article II**. The revenue shall be levied and collected as directed in the

ordinance. The estimate of the revenues to be derived from any source proposed in a supplementary appropriation ordinance shall be made by the Board of Estimates.

Current Law

For General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfers

Article VI – Board of Estimates, **Section 9** – Uses of Appropriations - **Baltimore City Charter** governs the mandates for appropriation transfers.

(a) *In general.*

Following the passage of the Ordinance of Estimates and the enactment of the revenue measures necessary to achieve a balance between expected revenues and anticipated expenditures for the next fiscal year, the sums contained in the Ordinance of Estimates shall, after the beginning of the fiscal year to which it is applicable, be and become appropriated for the purposes therein named.

No appropriation provided for in the Ordinance of Estimates shall be used for any purpose other than that named in that ordinance, except:

(2) upon the recommendation of the Board of Estimates, the City Council by ordinance may authorize the transfer of an appropriation contained in the Ordinance of Estimates from one municipal agency to another municipal agency; provided, however, that new or different amounts for capital projects from those stated in the capital budget portion of the Ordinance of Estimates shall not be authorized unless the Board of Estimates has received and considered the reports and recommendations thereon of the Planning Commission and the Director of Finance.

Background

The Baltimore City Charter requires that each agency ends the fiscal year in balance. The Department of Finance recommends appropriation transfers and supplemental appropriations when an agency has ended the fiscal year in a deficit. The actions proposed in these appropriations are either one of the two listed below:¹

- Funded through surplus revenue realized in Fiscal Year 2024, **or**
- Transfers from agencies that ended the year with a surplus.

If approved, these supplemental appropriations and/or transfers will balance the fiscal year 2024 budget (ending June 30, 2024) for several city agencies.

Once approved and/or enacted by the City Council and Mayor it will complete the process necessary to allow the funds to be allocated as requested.

Also see attached documentation/paperwork.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: None

Information Source(s): Baltimore City Charter, Council Bills 25-0024 through 25-0034 and all agency reports received as of this writing.

Analysis by: Marguerite M. Currin
Analysis Date: February 13, 2025

Direct Inquiries to: (443) 984-3485

¹ Background/Explanation written by the Department of Finance; Page 16 of the Board of Estimates Agenda dated 2/5/25

Council Bills 25-0024 through 25-0034

Operating Appropriations and/or Appropriation Transfers

Council Bill 25-0024 -Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation – Board of Elections – \$1,417,451

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,417,451 to the Board of Elections – Service 899 (Fair Conduct of Elections), to provide funding for emergency security equipment and unbudgeted mailing costs from 2024 elections; and providing for a special effective date.

Law Department	None as of this writing
Finance Department	Favorable
Board of Estimates	Approved on February 5, 2025

Funding Source: Income Tax Revenue – State Collected

Council Bill 25-0025 - General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer – M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to Department of Finance (Service 703 - Payroll) – \$4,228,173

For the purpose of transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$4,228,173 from M-R Debt Service (Service 123 – General Debt Service) to the Department of Finance (Service 703 – Payroll); and providing for a special effective date.

Law Department	None as of this writing
Finance Department	Favorable
Board of Estimates	Approved on February 5, 2025

Transferred from M-R Debt Service to Finance Department

Council Bill 25-0026 - Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation – Fire Department – \$33,361,780

FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$33,361,780 to the Fire Department – Service 602 (Fire Suppression and Emergency Rescue), to provide funding for overtime due to sworn vacancies and unbudgeted EMS contractual services; and providing for a special effective date

Law Department	None as of this writing
Finance Department	Favorable
Board of Estimates	Approved on February 5, 2025

Funding Source: Cash Investment Earnings – Additional Revenue

Council Bill 25-0027 - General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer – General Fund Balance to Health Department (Service 315 - Emergency Services) – \$5,251,429

For the purpose of transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$5,251,429 from the General Fund Balance to the Health Department (Service 315 – Emergency Services); and providing for a special effective date.

Law Department	None as of this writing
Finance Department	Favorable
Board of Estimates	Approved on February 5, 2025

Transferred from the General Fund Balance to Health Department

Council Bill 25-0028 - General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer – Department of General Services to Department of Law (Service 861 - Controversies) – \$1,514,351

For the purpose of transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,514,351 from the Department of General Services to the Department of Law (Service 861 – Controversies); and providing for a special effective date.

Law Department	None as of this writing
Finance Department	Favorable
Board of Estimates	Approved on February 5, 2025

Transferred from the General Fund Balance to Law Department

Council Bill 25-0029 - Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation – Liquor License Board – \$250,323

For the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$250,323 to the Liquor License Board – Service 850 (Liquor Licensing), to provide funding for overtime for inspectors beyond budget; state salary adjustments for full-time positions; and providing for a special effective date.

Law Department	None as of this writing
Finance Department	Favorable
Board of Estimates	Approved on February 5, 2025

Funding Source: Income Tax Revenue – State Collected

25-0030 - Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation – Police Department – \$3,275,384

For the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$3,275,384 to the Police Department – Service 622 (Police Patrol), to provide funding for overtime due to sworn vacancies; and providing for a special effective date.

Law Department	None as of this writing
Finance Department	Favorable
Board of Estimates	Approved on February 5, 2025

Funding Source: Income Tax Revenue – State Collected

25-0031 - Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation –Department of Public Works – \$5,982,755

For the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$5,982,755 to the Department of Public Works – Service 663 (Waste Removal and Recycling), to provide funding for unbudgeted contractual collection services and tipping fees beyond budgeted amount; and providing for a special effective date.

Law Department	None as of this writing
Finance Department	Favorable
Board of Estimates	Approved on February 5, 2025

Funding Source: Income Tax Revenue – State Collected

25-0032 - Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation – Recreation and Parks – \$6,973,547

For the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$6,973,547 to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 646 (Park Maintenance), to provide funding for overspending on contractual services and overtime in Urban Forestry, Park Maintenance; and providing for a special effective date.

Law Department	None as of this writing
Finance Department	Favorable
Board of Estimates	Approved on February 5, 2025

Funding Source: Income Tax Revenue – State Collected

25-0033 - General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer – M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to Office of the Sheriff (Service 882 - Deputy Sheriff Enforcement) – \$4,564,341

For the purpose of transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$4,564,341 from M-R Debt Service (Service 123 – General Debt Service) to the Office of the Sheriff (Service 882 – Deputy Sheriff Enforcement); and providing for a special effective date.

Law Department	None as of this writing
Finance Department	Favorable
Board of Estimates	Approved on February 5, 2025

Transferred from M-R Debt Service to Office of the Sheriff

25-0034 - General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer – M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to Department of Transportation (Service 683 - Street Management) – \$1,039,801

For the purpose of transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$1,039,801 from M-R Debt Service (Service 123 – General Debt Service) to the Department of Transportation (Service 683 – Street Management); and providing for a special effective date.

Law Department	None as of this writing
Finance Department	Favorable
Board of Estimates	Approved on February 5, 2025

Transferred from M-R Debt Service to Department of Transportation

AGENCY REPORTS

Bills 25-0024 through 25-0034

See attached

SB-25-10036 - Fiscal 2024 Year end Supplemental Appropriation and Transfer Request**ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to approve a Fiscal 2024 Year end Supplemental Appropriation and Transfer of Funds. Period of agreement is: Based on Board Approval

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDS:

Transaction Amount: \$ 56,512,669.00

Project Fund	Amount
1001-CCA000737-RC0048	\$ 3,275,384.00
Overtime Costs	
1001-CCA000373	\$ 1,514,351.00
Staffing Costs	
1001-CCA000001-RC0048	\$ 1,417,451.00
2024 Election Costs	
1001-CCA000807-RC0048	\$ 5,982,755.00
Contractual Hauling Services & Tipping Fees	
1001-CCA000382-RC0048	\$ 250,323.00
Space Rental Costs	
1001-CCA001072	\$ 1,039,801.00
Deficit in chargeback to capital projects	
1001-CCA000111-RC0125	\$ 33,361,780.00
Overtime Costs	
1001-CCA000992-RC0048	\$ 6,973,547.00
Unbudgeted Contractual Services	
1001-CCA000144	-\$ 1,514,351.00
Unanticipated facilities savings	
1001-CCA000457	-\$ 9,832,315.00
Unanticipated savings in debt service due to delays in GO Borrowing and refunding existing debt issuances.	
1001-CCA000096	\$ 4,228,173.00
Late invoicing and use of unbudgeted contractual staff for payroll processing.	
1001-CCA000997	\$ 4,564,341.00
Overtime Costs	
1001-CCA001143-RC0299	\$ 5,251,429.00
Unbudgeted COVID-19 expenses	

BACKGROUND/EXPLANATION:

The Baltimore City Charter requires that each agency ends the fiscal year in balance. The Department of Finance recommends appropriation transfers and supplemental appropriations when an agency has ended the fiscal year in deficit. The actions proposed in this item are funded through surplus revenue realized in Fiscal 2024 or transfers from agencies that ended the year in surplus. In total, this action proposes appropriating \$56,516,669 in surplus revenue

for agency deficits and transferring \$11,346,666 across City agencies. The overall impact of the action is \$67,859,335.

The delay in bringing these items to the Board is related to completing year end financial transactions impacting agency year end balances. In Fiscal 2025, BBMR plans to bring this item to the Board for consideration based on projected year end balances to avoid this delay.

EMPLOY BALTIMORE:	LIVING WAGE:	LOCAL HIRING:	PREVAILING WAGE:
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

MBE / WBE Participation not required / Not applicable

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

ENDORSEMENTS:

Finance (BBMR) has reviewed and approved for funds.

1st Reader Copies

Bills 25-0024 through 25-0034

See attached

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0024
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2025
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation –**
3 **Board of Elections – \$1,417,451**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation
5 in the amount of \$1,417,451 to the Board of Elections – Service 899 (Fair Conduct of
6 Elections), to provide funding for emergency security equipment and unbudgeted mailing
7 costs from 2024 elections; and providing for a special effective date.

8 BY authority of
9 Article VI - Board of Estimates
10 Section 8(b)(2)(i) and (c)
11 Baltimore City Charter
12 (1996 Edition)

13 **Recitals**

14 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents \$1,417,451 in excess of the revenue
15 relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for
16 Fiscal Year 2024.

17 This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of
18 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2024 was formulated.

19 The source of this additional revenue is Income Tax - State Collected.

20 On February 5, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
21 Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Council Bill 25-0024

1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That
2 \$1,417,451 shall be made available to the Board of Elections – Service 899 (Fair Conduct of
3 Elections) as a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year
4 2024, to provide funding for emergency security equipment and unbudgeted mailing costs from
5 2024 elections. The source of revenue for this appropriation is Income Tax - State Collected in
6 excess of the amount from this source that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in
7 determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

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

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0025
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2025
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer –**
3 **M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to**
4 **Department of Finance (Service 703 - Payroll) – \$4,228,173**

5 FOR the purpose of transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of
6 \$4,228,173 from M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to the Department
7 of Finance (Service 703 - Payroll); and providing for a special effective date.

8 BY authority of
9 Article VI - Board of Estimates
10 Section 9(a)(2)
11 Baltimore City Charter
12 (1996 Edition)

13 **Recitals**

14 Article VI, § 9(a)(2) of the City Charter provides that, on recommendation of the Board of
15 Estimates, the City Council by ordinance may authorize the transfer of an appropriation
16 contained in the Ordinance of Estimates from one municipal agency to another municipal agency.

17 The sum of \$4,228,173, as appropriated to M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt
18 Service) in the Fiscal 2024 Ordinance of Estimates, is not needed for the purpose for which it
19 was appropriated and, therefore, is available for transfer to another agency.

20 On February 5, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended the transfer authorized by this
21 Ordinance.

22 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
23 sum of \$4,228,173, contained in the Fiscal 2024 Ordinance of Estimates as a General Fund
24 Operating Appropriation, is transferred from M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt
25 Service) to Department of Finance (Service 703 - Payroll).

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Council Bill 25-0025

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

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0026
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2025
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation –**
3 **Fire Department – \$33,361,780**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation
5 in the amount of \$33,361,780 to the Fire Department – Service 602 (Fire Suppression and
6 Emergency Rescue), to provide funding for overtime due to sworn vacancies and unbudgeted
7 EMS contractual services; and providing for a special effective date.

8 BY authority of
9 Article VI - Board of Estimates
10 Section 8(b)(2)(i) and (c)
11 Baltimore City Charter
12 (1996 Edition)

13 **Recitals**

14 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents \$33,361,780 in excess of the revenue
15 relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for
16 Fiscal Year 2024.

17 This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of
18 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2024 was formulated.

19 The source of this additional revenue is Cash Investment Earnings.

20 On February 5, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
21 Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Council Bill 25-0026

1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
2 \$33,361,780 shall be made available to the Fire Department – Service 602 (Fire Suppression and
3 Emergency Rescue) as a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation for
4 Fiscal Year 2024, to provide funding for overtime due to sworn vacancies and unbudgeted EMS
5 contractual services. The source of revenue for this appropriation is Cash Investment Earnings in
6 excess of the amount from this source that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in
7 determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

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

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0027
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2025
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer –**
3 **General Fund Balance to**
4 **Health Department (Service 315 - Emergency Services) – \$5,251,429**

5 FOR the purpose of transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of
6 \$5,251,429 from the General Fund Balance to the Health Department (Service 315 -
7 Emergency Services); and providing for a special effective date.

8 BY authority of
9 Article VI - Board of Estimates
10 Section 9(a)(2)
11 Baltimore City Charter
12 (1996 Edition)

13 **Recitals**

14 Article VI, § 9(a)(2) of the City Charter provides that, on recommendation of the Board of
15 Estimates, the City Council by ordinance may authorize the transfer of an appropriation
16 contained in the Ordinance of Estimates from one municipal agency to another municipal agency.

17 The sum of \$5,251,429, as appropriated to the General Fund Balance in the Fiscal 2024
18 Ordinance of Estimates, is not needed for the purpose for which it was appropriated and,
19 therefore, is available for transfer to another agency.

20 On February 5, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended the transfer authorized by this
21 Ordinance.

22 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
23 sum of \$5,251,429, contained in the Fiscal 2024 Ordinance of Estimates as a General Fund
24 Appropriation, is transferred from the General Fund Balance to the Health Department
25 (Service 315 - Emergency Medical Services).

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Council Bill 25-0027

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

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0028
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2025
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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer –**
3 **Department of General Services to**
4 **Department of Law (Service 861 - Controversies) – \$1,514,351**

5 FOR the purpose of transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of
6 \$1,514,351 from the Department of General Services to the Department of Law
7 (Service 861 - Controversies); and providing for a special effective date.

8 BY authority of
9 Article VI - Board of Estimates
10 Section 9(a)(2)
11 Baltimore City Charter
12 (1996 Edition)

13 **Recitals**

14 Article VI, § 9(a)(2) of the City Charter provides that, on recommendation of the Board of
15 Estimates, the City Council by ordinance may authorize the transfer of an appropriation
16 contained in the Ordinance of Estimates from one municipal agency to another municipal agency.

17 The sum of \$1,514,351, as appropriated to the Department of General Services in the Fiscal
18 2024 Ordinance of Estimates, is not needed for the purpose for which it was appropriated and,
19 therefore, is available for transfer to another agency.

20 On February 5, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended the transfer authorized by this
21 Ordinance.

22 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
23 sum of \$1,514,351, contained in the Fiscal 2024 Ordinance of Estimates as a General Fund
24 Operating Appropriation, is transferred from the Department of General Services to the
25 Department of Law (Service 861 - Controversies).

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
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**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0029
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2025
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation –**
3 **Liquor License Board – \$250,323**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation
5 in the amount of \$250,323 to the Liquor License Board – Service 850 (Liquor Licensing), to
6 provide funding for overtime for inspectors beyond budget; state salary adjustments for
7 full-time positions; and providing for a special effective date.

8 BY authority of
9 Article VI - Board of Estimates
10 Section 8(b)(2)(i) and (c)
11 Baltimore City Charter
12 (1996 Edition)

13 **Recitals**

14 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents \$250,323 in excess of the revenue
15 relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for
16 Fiscal Year 2024.

17 This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of
18 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2024 was formulated.

19 The source of this additional revenue is Income Tax - State Collected.

20 On February 5, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
21 Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Council Bill 25-0029

1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
2 \$250,323 shall be made available to the Liquor License Board – Service 850 (Liquor Licensing)
3 as a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2024, to
4 provide funding for overtime for inspectors beyond budget; state salary adjustments for full-time
5 positions. The source of revenue for this appropriation is Income Tax - State Collected in excess
6 of the amount from this source that was relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the
7 tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

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

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0030
(First Reader)**

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At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation –**
3 **Police Department – \$3,275,384**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation
5 in the amount of \$3,275,384 to the Police Department – Service 622 (Police Patrol), to
6 provide funding for overtime due to sworn vacancies; and providing for a special effective
7 date.

8 BY authority of
9 Article VI - Board of Estimates
10 Section 8(b)(2)(i) and (c)
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12 (1996 Edition)

13 **Recitals**

14 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents \$3,275,384 in excess of the revenue
15 relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for
16 Fiscal Year 2024.

17 This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of
18 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2024 was formulated.

19 The source of this additional revenue is Income Tax - State Collected.

20 On February 5, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
21 Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Council Bill 25-0030

1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
2 \$3,275,384 shall be made available to the Police Department – Service 622 (Police Patrol) as a
3 Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2024, to provide
4 funding for overtime due to sworn vacancies. The source of revenue for this appropriation is
5 Income Tax - State Collected in excess of the amount from this source that was relied on by the
6 Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year
7 2024.

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

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0031
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2025
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation –**
3 **Department of Public Works – \$5,982,755**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation
5 in the amount of \$5,982,755 to the Department of Public Works – Service 663 (Waste
6 Removal and Recycling), to provide funding for unbudgeted contractual collection services
7 and tipping fees beyond budgeted amount; and providing for a special effective date.

8 BY authority of
9 Article VI - Board of Estimates
10 Section 8(b)(2)(i) and (c)
11 Baltimore City Charter
12 (1996 Edition)

13 **Recitals**

14 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents \$5,982,755 in excess of the revenue
15 relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for
16 Fiscal Year 2024.

17 This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of
18 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2024 was formulated.

19 The source of this additional revenue is Income Tax - State Collected.

20 On February 5, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
21 Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Council Bill 25-0031

1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
2 \$5,982,755 shall be made available to the Department of Public Works – Service 663 (Waste
3 Removal and Recycling) as a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation for
4 Fiscal Year 2025, to provide funding for unbudgeted contractual collection services and tipping
5 fees beyond budgeted amount. The source of revenue for this appropriation is Income Tax -
6 State Collected in excess of the amount from this source that was relied on by the Board of
7 Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

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

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0032
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2025
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation –**
3 **Recreation and Parks – \$6,973,547**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation
5 in the amount of \$6,973,547 to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 646 (Park
6 Maintenance), to provide funding for overspending on contractual services and overtime in
7 Urban Forestry, Park Maintenance; and providing for a special effective date.

8 BY authority of
9 Article VI - Board of Estimates
10 Section 8(b)(2)(i) and (c)
11 Baltimore City Charter
12 (1996 Edition)

13 **Recitals**

14 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents \$6,973,547 in excess of the revenue
15 relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for
16 Fiscal Year 2024.

17 This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of
18 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2024 was formulated.

19 The source of this additional revenue is Income Tax - State Collected.

20 On February 5, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
21 Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Council Bill 25-0032

1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That
2 \$6,973,547 shall be made available to the Department of Recreation and Parks – Service 646
3 (Park Maintenance) as a Supplementary Special Revenue Fund Operating Appropriation for
4 Fiscal Year 2024, to provide funding for overspending on contractual services and overtime in
5 Urban Forestry, Park Maintenance. The source of revenue for this appropriation is Income Tax -
6 State Collected in excess of the amount from this source that was relied on by the Board of
7 Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2024.

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

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0033
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2025
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer –**
3 **M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to**
4 **Office of the Sheriff (Service 882 - Deputy Sheriff Enforcement) – \$4,564,341**

5 FOR the purpose of transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of
6 \$4,564,341 from M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to the Office of the
7 Sheriff (Service 882 - Deputy Sheriff Enforcement); and providing for a special effective
8 date.

9 BY authority of
10 Article VI - Board of Estimates
11 Section 9(a)(2)
12 Baltimore City Charter
13 (1996 Edition)

14 **Recitals**

15 Article VI, § 9(a)(2) of the City Charter provides that, on recommendation of the Board of
16 Estimates, the City Council by ordinance may authorize the transfer of an appropriation
17 contained in the Ordinance of Estimates from one municipal agency to another municipal agency.

18 The sum of \$4,564,341, as appropriated to M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt
19 Service) in the Fiscal 2024 Ordinance of Estimates, is not needed for the purpose for which it
20 was appropriated and, therefore, is available for transfer to another agency.

21 On February 5, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended the transfer authorized by this
22 Ordinance.

23 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
24 sum of \$4,564,341, contained in the Fiscal 2024 Ordinance of Estimates as a General Fund
25 Operating Appropriation, is transferred from M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt
26 Service) to the Office of the Sheriff (Service 882 - Deputy Sheriff Enforcement).

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Council Bill 25-0033

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

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0034
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2025
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **General Fund Operating Appropriation Transfer –**
3 **M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to**
4 **Department of Transportation (Service 683 - Street Management) – \$1,039,801**

5 FOR the purpose of transferring a General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of
6 \$1,039,801 from M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt Service) to the Department
7 of Transportation (Service 683 - Street Management); and providing for a special effective
8 date.

9 BY authority of
10 Article VI - Board of Estimates
11 Section 9(a)(2)
12 Baltimore City Charter
13 (1996 Edition)

14 **Recitals**

15 Article VI, § 9(a)(2) of the City Charter provides that, on recommendation of the Board of
16 Estimates, the City Council by ordinance may authorize the transfer of an appropriation
17 contained in the Ordinance of Estimates from one municipal agency to another municipal agency.

18 The sum of \$1,039,801, as appropriated to M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt
19 Service) in the Fiscal 2024 Ordinance of Estimates, is not needed for the purpose for which it
20 was appropriated and, therefore, is available for transfer to another agency.

21 On February 5, 2025, the Board of Estimates recommended the transfer authorized by this
22 Ordinance.

23 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
24 sum of \$1,039,801, contained in the Fiscal 2024 Ordinance of Estimates as a General Fund
25 Operating Appropriation, is transferred from M-R Debt Service (Service 123 - General Debt
26 Service) to the Department of Transportation (Service 683 - Street Management).

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Council Bill 25-0034

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