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TO: The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Room 400 City Hall
Attn. Karen Randle

FROM: James H. Green, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel
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RE: City Council Bill 12-0102-Residential Permit Parking Program

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed City Council Bill 12-0102-Residential Permit Parking Program. The bill proposes to modify the procedures for amending a Residential Permit Parking Plan; provide for the election of an Advisory Board; establish a progressive fine structure; qualify permit eligibility, and clarify provisions generally related to the Program.

According to the reports submitted by the Parking Authority, Department of Transportation (DOT), and Department of Finance (Finance), there are several amendments proposed that would strengthen the legislation and would serve to improve and strengthen the Program. The BPD supports the proposed amendments and wishes to highlight the difficulty associated with the progressive fine structure as discussed. There is currently no system in place that would allow an enforcement officer to determine whether there was a prior violation within the time allotment provided. As suggested in the DOT and Finance reports, this system would be both difficult and costly to implement at this time.

As the Council is aware, the BPD has only enforcement responsibilities in this area and shares these responsibilities with the Parking Authority of Baltimore City. The Department supports the collective efforts to recommend the necessary improvements for the Program. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

