

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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Baltimore, Maryland 21202

June 23, 2017

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

Re: City Council Bill 17-0087 – Supplementary General Fund Operating
Appropriation –Fire Department– \$6,000,000

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0087 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the amount of \$6,000,000 to the Baltimore City Fire Department. The bill shall take effect on the date that it is enacted.

The City Charter establishes the criteria for making supplementary appropriations. City Charter, Art. VI, §8. Section 8(b)(4) of Article VI of the City Charter permits such a supplementary appropriation to be made available to the appropriate municipal agency when further appropriations for programs included in the proposed Ordinance of Estimates are made necessary by a material change in circumstances, or for additional appropriations for new programs which could not reasonably be anticipated at the time of the formulation of the proposed Ordinance of Estimates. The supplementary appropriation must be recommended by the Board of Estimates and must be approved by the Mayor and City Council via an ordinance, which may only encompass a “single program, purpose, activity or project.” The bill provides that the source of revenue is excess Transfer Tax revenue.

The Law Department approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elena R. DiPietro".

Elena R. DiPietro
Chief Solicitor

cc: David Ralph, Acting City Solicitor
Karen Stokes, Director, Office of Government Relations
Kyron Banks, Mayor’s Legislative Liaison
Hilary Ruley, Chief Solicitor
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