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SUBJECT	City Council Bill 19-1066R





DATE: October 25, 2019

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council c/o Nina Themelis, Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council

RE: City Council Bill 19-1066R:

Small Haulers Program and Bulk Trash Program

POSITION: Does Not Oppose

Small Haulers Program and Bulk Trash Program

INTRODUCTION

The Department of General Services reviewed City Council Bill 19-0166R which establishes an informal hearing to discuss the Small Hauler program and Bulk Trash Program and how these programs can be adjusted to reduce illegal dumping.

BACKGROUND

The City of Baltimore operates Citizen Convenience Centers to provide residents and small haulers with additional opportunities for bulk trash disposal. However, the City continues to face challenges to reduce incentives for and increase the enforcement of illegal dumping.

The Department of General Services (DGS) operates as a support agency to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), which is responsible for illegal dumping enforcement, and to the Department of Public Works (DPW), which is responsible for waste collection and drop-off activities. While DGS cannot speak to the direct operational needs for enforcement nor collections activities, there may be opportunity to further prioritize maintenance and repair services for collection equipment assisting with bulk trash pickup.

FISCAL IMPACT

Regarding the specific questions identified in City Council Bill 19-0166R, DGS would defer to the Department of Finance, in coordination with the front-line agencies DHCD and DPW, to determine the impact of eliminating the disposal fee or establishment of additional Citizen Convenience Centers. Prioritization of maintenance and repair services should not result in additional costs, but information about the needs within the collection services would dictate resource allocation.

DEPARTMENT POSITION

The department has NO OBJECTION to 19-0166R.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Director Chichi Nyagah-Nash at chichi.nyagah-nash@baltimorecity.gov or (410) 396-3704.

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