



# BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Mayor

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Police Commissioner

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Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
Room 400, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

**RE: City Council Bill# 20-0558  
City Officers and Employees – Parking Benefit**

Dear Council President Scott and Members of the City Council:

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill #20-0558. This bill requires the Department of Human Resources (DHR) to develop a written policy regarding certain parking benefits to provide justification and criteria for offerings of parking benefits. It also requires that DHR offer a public mass transit subsidy to every officer and employee of the City. The bill requires DHR to offer a parking "cash-out option and alternatives" to shift people from driving alone and into alternatives like walking, biking, transit, and carpooling. It also provides that the policy must include a provision that the agency benefit can only go to agency officers or employees. Employees ineligible for parking would receive a transit benefit.

The BPD takes no position on this bill but defers to the Law Department as to whether or not this bill would apply to the Baltimore Police Department, and the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Finance as to the cost of implementing the program.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to comment on this bill. If you should have any questions, feel free to contact me via email at [michelle.wirzberger@baltimorepolice.org](mailto:michelle.wirzberger@baltimorepolice.org) or via telephone at 443-915-3155.

Sincerely,

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