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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

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Position: Does Not Oppose

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 21-0003, Baltimore City Working Group on Nuisance Parking and Auto Businesses, the purpose of which is to establish a workgroup to study certain matters related to the illegal storage of motor vehicles in public rights-of-way by motor vehicle establishments and dealerships and to make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council.

Background

Currently, parking enforcement and zoning responsibilities in Baltimore City are delegated to various agencies, including The Department of Transportation (DOT), Baltimore Police Department, and the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The proposed legislation would create a workgroup comprised of DOT, DHCD, the City Solicitor, the Director of Finance, two Members of City Council, and the Commissioner of the Police Department to evaluate nuisance parking and auto business regulation in the City of Baltimore. The workgroup is tasked with assessing the City's current practice, staffing levels, and accessible data, as well as providing recommendations for policy and process improvements.

Fiscal Impact

The legislation does not have a fiscal impact for the City. It is anticipated that staffing the workgroup, which is tasked to the Office of Council Services, can be absorbed within current resources.

Conclusion

The legislation seeks to establish a workgroup to study certain matters related to the illegal storage of motor vehicles in public rights-of-way by motor vehicle establishments and dealerships and to make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council. Any budget requests for additional funds to implement the findings of the workgroup will have to be submitted and reviewed through the annual budget process.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance does not oppose City Council Bill 21-0003.

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