

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0140
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: September 20, 2021
Assigned to: Ways and Means Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Fire Department, Department of Finance, Board of Estimates

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation –**
3 **Fire Department – \$12,684,471.33**

4 FOR the purpose of providing a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation in the
5 amount of \$12,684,471.33 to the Fire Department – Service 609 (Emergency Medical
6 Services), to provide funding for emergency medical services, personal protective equipment,
7 and building improvement expenses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; and providing
8 for a special effective date.

9 BY authority of
10 Article VI - Board of Estimates
11 Section 8(b)(3) and (c)
12 Baltimore City Charter
13 (1996 Edition)

14 **Recitals**

15 The revenue appropriated by this Ordinance represents funds from the Coronavirus Aid,
16 Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES”) in excess of the revenue relied on by the Board of
17 Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

18 This additional revenue could not have been reasonably anticipated when the Ordinance of
19 Estimates for Fiscal Year 2021 was formulated.

20 This appropriation is made necessary by a material change in circumstances since the
21 Ordinance of Estimates for Fiscal Year 2021 was formulated or is for a new program that could
22 not have been reasonably anticipated when that Ordinance of Estimates was formulated.

23 On September 15, 2021, the Board of Estimates recommended this appropriation to the City
24 Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
2 \$12,684,471.33 shall be made available to the Fire Department – Service 609 (Emergency
3 Medical Services) as a Supplementary General Fund Operating Appropriation for Fiscal Year
4 2021, to provide funding for emergency medical services, personal protective equipment, and
5 building improvement expenses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The source of revenue
6 for this appropriation is funds from CARES in excess of the amount from this source that was
7 relied on by the Board of Estimates in determining the tax levy required to balance the budget for
8 Fiscal Year 2021.

9 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
10 enacted.