

Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: JAN -8 2008

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Debris Removal Mutual Aid Act of 2007"

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation to be Introduced – No Number Available

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. No additional staff or resources will be required.

Background

The proposed legislation authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with surrounding jurisdictions and the federal government. The purpose of the agreement(s) is to provide debris removal operations subsequent to a public service event,¹ an emergency, training, or for other purposes.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because no additional staff or resources will be required.

¹ Any undeclared emergency, incident, or situation in preparation for a request for assistance by one duly authorized and under the provisions of the agreement. This includes, but is not limited to, Presidential inaugurations, public gatherings, demonstrations and protests, law enforcement, fire, rescue, mass care, or other support that require human resources, equipment, facilities, or services supplemental to or greater than the requesting jurisdiction can provide.

The fiscal impact of exercising the provisions of an agreement subject to the provisions of the proposed legislation cannot be quantified at this time. There will be costs associated with the District providing assistance to another jurisdiction. There will have to be a financial analysis conducted prior to each event or situation.

Federal and District anti-deficiency laws² prohibit District officers and employees from exceeding agency appropriations in any fiscal year. Should the District determine that funding is recoverable then the fiscal impact of any event would be zero. The District's budget and financial plan contains emergency reserves as one-time resources for unanticipated expenditures. Such use of reserves will need to be re-appropriated in subsequent budget development.

² 31 USCA § 1341 (2000) and D.C. Official Code § 47-355.01 *et sequitur* (2003).