

**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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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 22 2008

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Noise Control Protection Amendment Act of 2007"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 17-177 – Committee Print dated 1/15/2008

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. Enactment of the proposed legislation will not have a fiscal impact on the District's budget and financial plan.

Background

Currently, 20 D.C.M.R. § 2799.1 states that "A sound shall not be considered a noise disturbance if made during noncommercial public speaking during the daytime."

The proposed legislation would amend the definition of noise disturbance so that noncommercial public speaking during the daytime would not be considered a noise disturbance if it does not exceed the greater of 70 decibels, or 10 decibels above the ambient noise level, when measured at a distance of 50 feet or the nearest occupied residence in a residentially zoned district. The proposed legislation also specifies that the Mayor need not measure the decibel level of a noise to find a noise disturbance if the noise is made at night or does not involve noncommercial public speaking.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. Enactment of the proposed legislation will not have a fiscal impact on the District's budget and financial plan.