

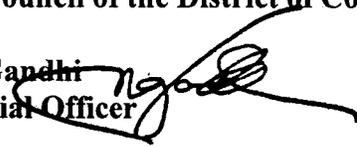
**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: December 3, 2008

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Grocery Store Sidewalk Café in the Public Space Amendment Act of 2008"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 17-807, Committee Print dated November 10, 2008

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend Chapter 3 of Title 24 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to allow a grocery store to obtain a Sidewalk Café Permit adjacent to the grocery store. It would also prohibit persons who are permitted to operate a sidewalk café adjacent to a grocery store from obtaining an Alcoholic Beverage License for that sidewalk café.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The Department of Transportation Public Space Policy Branch, which issues Sidewalk Café Permits and ensures compliance, has informed the Office of the Chief Financial Officer that it could absorb the cost of implementing the proposed legislation with existing resources. The amount of additional permit fees and sales tax revenues that the District may accrue as a result of implementing the proposed bill, if any, cannot be reliably estimated at this time.