


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: December 2, 2010

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - "Bicycle Commuter and Parking Expansion Amendment Act of 2010"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 18-1002 - Draft Committee Print shared with OCFO on December 1, 2010

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2011 through FY 2014 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation authorizes, but not obligates the Mayor to enforce the bicycle parking requirements.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend the Bicycle Commuter and Parking Expansion Act of 2007¹ ("Act") to require the Mayor to establish civil penalties for violations of the Act by rulemaking within 90 days of the effective date of the proposed legislation. The legislation would also authorize, but not obligate the Mayor to enforce the bicycle parking requirements of the Act, based on a timetable outlined in the legislation.²

¹ D.C. Law 17-103; D.C. Official Code § 50-1641.01 *et seq.*, effective February 2, 2008, Section 8

² The Mayor would be authorized to enforce section 7(a) of the Act (D.C. Official Code § 50-1641.06(a), Increased bicycle parking spaces for office, retail, and service uses) six months after effective date of the proposed legislation, and section 6 (D.C. Official Code § 50-1641.05, Residential building bicycle parking space requirements), and sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Act six months after effective date of the rules.

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Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2011 through FY 2014 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation authorizes, but not obligates the Mayor to enforce the bicycle parking requirements.

Once implemented, the proposed legislation could generate fine collections from buildings in violation of the bicycle parking requirements. However, this revenue cannot be estimated until the rulemaking required by the proposed legislation is completed.

In order to enforce the requirements of the legislation, additional building inspectors would be needed to conduct bicycle parking inspections in more than 10,000 private residential and commercial buildings. Without any implementation plans, it is not possible to estimate the cost of enforcement. However, the cost of each building inspector is estimated at \$54,867.³

It should be noted that no fines would be collected without such inspections.

³ 2010 Salary Schedule for Compensation Unit 1 & 2 (Union) at level DS-9/1 is \$45,345. With a fringe rate of 21 percent, total annual compensation is \$54,867.