

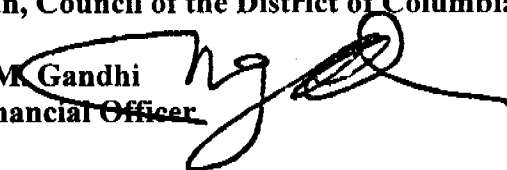
**Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



**Natwar M. Gandhi**  
Chief Financial Officer

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Linda W. Cropp  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi   
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** JUL -7 2006

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services  
Department Merit Personnel Amendment Act of 2006"

**REFERENCE:** Draft, No Bill Number Available

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 budget and proposed FY 2007 through FY 2010 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation because no additional staff or resources would be required.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would amend the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 (D.C. Official Code § 1-601.01 *et seq.*) to provide the Mayor with the authority to reduce the rank of firefighters holding the rank of Battalion Fire Chief or higher and to include "dereliction of duty" as grounds for placing public safety employees on enforced leave. The proposed legislation is part of a proposed resolution intended to ensure accountability and responsibility of public safety employees of the D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 and the Mayor's and Council's proposed FY 2007 through FY 2010 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. No additional staff or resources would be required to enact the provisions.