

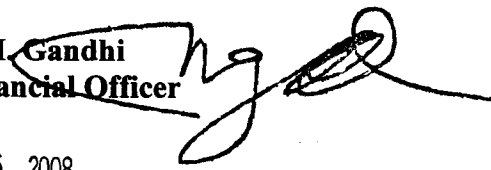
**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
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DATE: SEP 16 2008

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Performance Parking Pilot Zone Act of 2008"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 17-580 (Engrossed Original)

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 budget and the proposed FY 2009 to FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation is not anticipated to have a fiscal effect on the District's budget and financial plan.

Background

Performance Parking Pilot Zones. The proposed legislation would establish a performance parking pilot program and define and establish two pilot zones, the first in the new ballpark area and the second in the Columbia Heights retail area. The proposed legislation would allow the Mayor to establish higher parking fees and fines within pilot zones in an effort to regulate the demand for on-street parking. Implementation of the pilot programs would require the Department of Transportation (DDOT) to erect signs, make meter procurements, and establish an informational web site. Assignment of additional parking control and traffic control officers to both pilot zones would also be required.

The proposed legislation would also assign all revenue from curbside parking fees in each performance parking pilot zone as follows:

- 20 percent for general purposes of the DDOT operating fund;
- up to 60 percent to repay the cost of procurement and maintenance of new meters and signs in that zone;

- up to 5 percent for meter maintenance and signs in that zone once the cost of meter procurement is paid in full; and
- the remaining balance for non-automobile transportation improvements in that zone.

The proposed legislation also establishes a series of planning and performance reporting requirements for DDOT, including transmittal to the Council and relevant Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) of detailed pilot zone planning documents, quarterly public meetings, revised plans in the event of underperformance, an annual report on zone-specific performance, and a final report on pilot performance and recommendations for the future. The pilot program will terminate two years from the effective date of the proposed legislation.

Adams Morgan Taxicab Pilot Program. The proposed legislation would define and establish a taxicab zone in Adams Morgan by July 15, 2008, in which a taxicab would be prohibited from picking up a passenger for hire during taxi zone hours¹ except at a designated taxicab stand. The taxicab zone pilot program would terminate on October 1, 2010 after which the Mayor would be required to present a report to the Council on the efficacy of the program and make recommendations for the future.

Mount Pleasant Visitor Pass Pilot Program. The proposed legislation would establish a visitor parking pilot program for Residential Permit Parking areas within ANC 1D, and authorize permit fees for issuance of the permits.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 budget and the proposed FY 2009 to FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The estimated cost to DDOT of implementing the proposed legislation totals \$1.76 million over the period of the financial plan; however, with the exception of the cost for taxi stand operations in Adams Morgan, these costs have been included in the FY 2008 to FY 2011 budget and financial plan.

Estimated Cost to DDOT (in Millions)						
	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	5 Year Total
Multi-space Meters	(\$0.80)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.80)
Curbside Occupancy Studies	(\$0.64)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.64)
Signs	(\$0.06)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.06)
Labor Cost	(\$0.12)	(\$0.12)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.25)
Taxi Stand Operations	(\$0.01)	(\$0.01)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$0.12)
DDOT Costs	(\$1.63)	(\$0.13)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1.76)

¹ Taxi zone hours would be defined as 9:00 p.m. Thursday through 4:00 a.m. Friday; 9:00 p.m. Friday through 4:00 a.m. Saturday; and 9:00 p.m. Saturday through 4:00 a.m. Sunday.

The additional parking control officers (PCOs) proposed for the performance parking pilot program would be provided by the Department of Public Works (DPW). The expense for the PCO's can be absorbed within the existing DPW budget and financial plan.