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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gand**h**i

Chief Financial Officer

DATE: November 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement - "Neighborhood Contractor Daytime Parking

Permit Amendment Act of 2012"

REFERENCE: Bill 19-607 – Draft Committee Print shared with the Office of Revenue

Analysis on November 20, 2012

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill requires the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to establish a daily parking permit ("CDP permit") program for contractors. Under the proposed program, commercial vehicles¹ with a valid CDP permit will be allowed to park at parking spaces reserved for residential parking from 7 am to 5 pm when the driver of the said vehicle is performing residential construction, maintenance or repair work. The CDP permit would be available only to licensed contractors. DDOT would be permitted to charge \$10 per day per permit, plus any service fees, but would be allowed to change the daily fee administratively. Fees would be used to administer the program and any excess amount and all remaining funds shall be deposited in the District Department of Transportation's Enterprise Fund for Transportation Initiatives.

¹ 18 DCMR § 9901.1 defines commercial vehicle as any vehicle with more than three wheels and greater than twenty-two feet in length; or used or maintained for transporting freight, merchandise, or other commercial loads or property, or described as a "commercial" vehicle on its certificate of title, or is considered a commercial vehicle because it has an irremovable commercial advertisement or insignia.

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FIS: Bill 19-607, "Neighborhood Contractor Daytime Parking Permit Amendment Act of 2012," Draft Committee Print shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on November 20, 2012

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2013 through FY 2016 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Office of Revenue Analysis estimates that the permit fees for the CDP permit would be sufficient to cover the administrative costs of the program.

DDOT estimates that the program will generate revenues of approximately \$100,000 annually.²

In its first year of implementation, DDOT will have to expend approximately \$40,000 to update its online application system so the system can validate business licenses and commercial vehicles and coordinate with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs' licensing system, and if needed, with Department of Motor Vehicle's registry system. Additionally, DDOT would be required to provide paper permits (in the form of booklets) to those contractors who do not use the online permitting system. The estimated cost for providing paper permit booklets and supporting paper applications is approximately \$50,000 per year.³

² This excludes a 10 percent technology fee that would be charged to permit holders. The technology fee, charged on every permit and license the District issues, supports the Office of the Chief Technology Officer.

³ DDOT estimates that the labor costs involved are approximately \$12,500 per year and the cost of printing the permits would be approximately \$37,500 per year. This estimate is based on the assumption that the paper permits account for half the applicants or one fifth of the transactions.