

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
ORDINANCE **20.394**  
Council Bill 20-0536

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Introduced by: The Council President, Councilmember Bullock  
At the request of: The Administration (Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office)  
Introduced and read first time: June 15, 2020  
Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee  
Committee Report: Favorable  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: July 27, 2020

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AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

**Minority and Women's Business Program – Interim Extension**

FOR the purpose of postponing, for an interim period, the automatic termination of the Minority and Women's Business Program; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to City procurement requirements.

BY repealing and reordaining, without amendments

Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement

Section 28-3(a)(1)(iv)

Baltimore City Code

(Edition 2000)

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement

Section 28-5

Baltimore City Code

(Edition 2000)

**SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

**Baltimore City Code**

**Article 5. Finance, Property, and Procurement**

**Subtitle 28. Minority and Women's Business Enterprises;  
Small Local Business Enterprises**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.  
~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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1 § 28-3. Legislative findings and policy.

2 (a) Findings.

3 (1) The Mayor and City Council makes the findings contained in this subsection, on full  
4 consideration of:

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6 (iv) the extensive findings of the 2014 Disparity Study, "The State of Minority  
7 and Women-Owned Business Enterprise: Evidence from Baltimore";

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9 § 28-5. Automatic termination.

10 This subtitle automatically expires on [August 31, 2020] DECEMBER 31, 2021, unless the City  
11 Council, after causing an appropriate study to be undertaken, conducting public hearings, and  
12 hearing testimonial evidence, finds that the purposes identified in this subtitle have not yet  
13 been achieved, in which case this subtitle may be extended for 5 more years.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the Mayor and City Council finds that the  
15 existing disparity study remains a valid factual predicate for the Minority and Women's Business  
16 Program and provides sufficient legal justification for continuing the Program during the interim  
17 extension period enacted by this Ordinance.

18 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance  
19 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior  
20 Ordinance.

21 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect when it is  
22 enacted.

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Certified as duly passed this 17 day of August, 2020

*Brandon M. Scott*

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 17 day of August, 2020

*Katarina B. Austin*

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Chief Clerk

Approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020

*Ben Jeong*

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Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for form and legal sufficiency  
This 20th day of August, 2020.

*Elena DiPietro*

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Elena R. DiPietro, Chief Solicitor