

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 14-0443

Introduced by: Councilmember Branch, President Young, Councilmembers Kraft, Middleton,
Scott, Stokes, Henry, Clarke, Reisinger, Mosby, Welch, Holton, Spector

Introduced and read first time: September 22, 2014

Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

Committee Report: Favorable

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: November 10, 2014

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

1 **Police Equipment – Audio-Video Recording Devices**

2 FOR the purpose of requiring all polices officers employed by the Baltimore City Police
3 Department to be personally equipped with digital audio-and-video recording devices; and
4 allowing a phased implementation of this requirement during the 1st year following the
5 effective date of this Ordinance.

6 BY adding

7 Article 19 - Police Ordinances
8 Section(s) 76-1, to be under the new subtitle,
9 “Subtitle 76. Police Equipment”
10 Baltimore City Code
11 (Edition 2000)

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

14 **Baltimore City Code**

15 **Article 19. Police Ordinances**

16 **SUBTITLE 76. POLICE EQUIPMENT**

17 **§ 76-1. AUDIO-VIDEO RECORDING DEVICES REQUIRED.**

18 EVERY POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYED BY THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT MUST BE
19 PERSONALLY EQUIPPED WITH A DIGITAL AUDIO-AND-VIDEO PORTABLE RECORDING DEVICE.

20 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That, notwithstanding any other provision of
21 this Ordinance:

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 (a) for the 1st year following the effective date of this Ordinance, the devices required by
- 2 this Ordinance need be provided only to patrol officers newly hired during that year
- 3 by the Baltimore City Police Department; but

- 4 (b) beginning on the 1st anniversary of the effective date of this Ordinance, the devices
- 5 required by this Ordinance must be provided to all police officers employed by the
- 6 Baltimore City Police Department.

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

10 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
11 after the date it is enacted.

Certified as duly passed this _____ day of _____, 20__

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,
this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City