



**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT**

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*On behalf of the Citizens of Baltimore City*, the Committee on Economic and Community Development (ECD) is responsible for supporting strong thriving communities ECD will review proposed zoning and land use changes, tackle issues related to economic development, oversee housing policy, and promote equitable economic opportunity for all Baltimore residents.

**The Honorable Sharon Green Middleton**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**February 9, 2021**

**2:20 PM**

**Virtual Webex Meeting**

**City Council Bill #21-0001R**

**Investigative Hearing - Affordable Housing Trust Fund**

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**Committee: Economic and Community Development**

**Bill 21-0001R**

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**Investigative Hearing - Affordable Housing Trust Fund**

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**Purpose:**

For the purpose of inviting the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, relevant staff, and the Chair and other members of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission to provide an update on the status of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund including, but not limited to, information regarding revenue raised each year since passage of Ordinance 18-215, projects and initiatives funded so far, projects and initiatives in the pipeline to be funded, the spending plan, and ideas for improving the Fund.

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**Background**

City Council Resolution 21-0001R is for the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission to provide an update on the status of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF). AHTF is administered by the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission, which consists of 12-members nominated by the Mayor and approved by the City Council, assists DHCD by providing oversight and acting in an advisory capacity.

AHTF, a continuing non-lapsing fund, was established in 2016 via a Charter Amendment (Article 1, Section 14) to:

- promote fair housing in neighborhoods throughout Baltimore,
- develop and preserve affordable housing for renters and homeowners, and

- increase affordable housing opportunities for low-income working families and other persons of low income.

A steady source of funding for AHTF was approved via Ordinance 18-215 which authorizes the use of revenue generated from an excise tax on the transfer of certain real property. The City also allocates additional funding to support AHTF.

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### **Additional Information**

**Fiscal Note:** Not Available

**Information Source(s):** Bill 21-0001R, Baltimore City Charter, Department of Housing and Community Development

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**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 21-0001R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Ramos, Dorsey, Burnett, Middleton, Bullock, Torrence, Cohen,  
Stokes, Glover

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Housing and Community Development,  
Housing Authority of Baltimore City, Department of Finance

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Investigative Hearing – Affordable Housing Trust Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Housing and  
4 Community Development, relevant staff, and the Chair and other members of the Affordable  
5 Housing Trust Fund Commission to provide an update on the status of the Affordable  
6 Housing Trust Fund including, but not limited to, information regarding revenue raised each  
7 year since passage of Ordinance 18-215, projects and initiatives funded so far, projects and  
8 initiatives in the pipeline to be funded, the spending plan, and ideas for improving the Fund.

9 **Recitals**

10 **WHEREAS**, The Baltimore City Affordable Housing Trust Fund was created through a charter  
11 amendment ballot initiative, which permitted the City Council to create funding sources by  
12 Ordinance and to place the resulting revenue in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund;

13 **WHEREAS**, In 2018, the City Council passed Ordinance 18-215, which identified the source  
14 of the Fund’s revenue, and Mayor Pugh agreed to increase that revenue incrementally with  
15 additional funds to eventually reach \$20 million;

16 **WHEREAS**, The Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission was appointed in 2018 and  
17 oversees the Fund; and

18 **WHEREAS**, The Department of Housing and Community Development administers the Fund.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City  
20 Council invites the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community  
21 Development, relevant staff, and the Chair and other members of the Affordable Housing Trust  
22 Fund Commission to provide an update on the status of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund  
23 including, but not limited to, information regarding revenue raised each year since passage of  
24 Ordinance 18-215, projects and initiatives funded so far, projects and initiatives in the pipeline to  
25 be funded, the spending plan, and ideas for improving the Fund.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

**Council Bill 21-0001R**

1       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Chair of the  
2 Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission, the Acting Commissioner of the Department of  
3 Housing and Community Development, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Bill 21-0001R

AGENCY REPORTS

*(As of 2-5-2021)*

Department of Housing and Community Development	
Housing Authority of Baltimore City	
Department of Finance	