

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes, *Yang, Bellak, Scheiter, Scott, Costello, Henry,*

Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference

Date: December 27, 2017 *Cohen,*

# RESOLUTION

Referred to: \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

*Burkett  
Clarke  
Pinkett  
Middleton  
Pinkett  
Speed*

Also referred for recommendation and report to municipal agencies listed on reverse.

CITY COUNCIL 18-0062 R

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

## Request for State Action – Tax Incentives for City Employees to Live in Baltimore

FOR the purpose of calling on the General Assembly to enact, and the Governor to sign, legislation allowing Baltimore City to encourage City employees to live in the communities they serve by providing them with targeted property tax incentives.

*C.F. Lewis*

*Robert Stokes*

*Maryland Clarke*

*Bud Young*

*Bill [unclear]*

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No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Agencies**

_____	Baltimore City Public School System
_____	Baltimore Development Corporation
_____	City Solicitor
_____	Comptroller's Office
_____	Department of Audits
_____	Department of Finance
_____	Department of General Services
_____	Department of Housing and Community Development
_____	Department of Human Resources
_____	Department of Planning
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Department of Public Works
_____	Department of Real Estate
_____	Department of Recreation and Parks
_____	Department of Transportation
_____	Fire Department
_____	Health Department
_____	Mayor's Office of Employment Development
_____	Mayor's Office of Human Services
_____	Mayor's Office of Information Technology
_____	Office of the Mayor
_____	Police Department
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Board of Estimates
_____	Board of Ethics
_____	Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals
_____	Comm. for Historical and Architectural Preservation
_____	Commission on Sustainability
_____	Employees' Retirement System
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Environmental Control Board
_____	Fire & Police Employees' Retirement System
_____	Labor Commissioner
_____	Parking Authority Board
_____	Planning Commission
_____	Wage Commission
_____	Other: _____
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**Boards and Commissions**

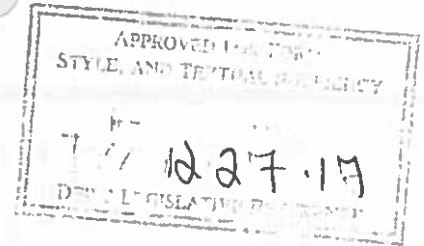


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6 Honorable Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City House and Senate Delegations to the  
7 Maryland General Assembly, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Maryland House  
8 Speaker, the Mayor, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

**INTRODUCTORY\***  
**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**COUNCIL BILL \_\_\_\_ R**  
**(Resolution)**



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**Recitals**

As Baltimore City seeks to reverse its population loss and improve ties between City government and Baltimore citizens, encouraging City employees to live within the City has emerged as an important tool to advance both of these goals. The City currently offers a variety of programs and incentives to encourage City workers to live in Baltimore, but more could be done.

City government jobs offer stability and help stabilize their communities. When these workers, and their paychecks, stay in the City they are assets for Baltimore both at home and at work.

Further, workers who live under the policies they implement, rely on the services they deliver, and regularly interact with neighbors affected by how well they do their jobs are more trusted by their fellow residents and can offer ground-level insights into how their work is impacting their communities that can be invaluable to City agencies.

All together, a City worker who lives in the City is an added value to Baltimore. Spending City money, or forgoing revenue, in order to give more City workers this added value therefor makes good financial and policy sense.

The City recently implemented a program, based on state authorizing legislation, to give City public safety officers a credit on their property taxes if they reside in Baltimore. The tax credit is expected to result in as many as 1000 additional law-enforcement officers and firefighters moving into the City at an annual cost of less than \$2.5 million.

A similar program for all City employees could potentially add hundreds or thousands of additional families to Baltimore and improve government operations in all agencies. Depending on how the program was structured, this could even be accomplished in a revenue neutral way.

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All that would be needed is authorizing legislation from the State modeled after the authorization provided for the public safety officer tax credit.

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**ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

JAN 08 2018

FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ FAVORABLE \_\_\_\_\_ UNFAVORABLE \_\_\_\_\_ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

\_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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THIRD READING (ENROLLED) \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

WITHDRAWAL \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President

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Chief Clerk