

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 07-0834
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Planning)
Introduced and read first time: October 15, 2007

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Baltimore City's Membership in the International Council for Local**
3 **Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)'s Cities for Climate Protection Campaign**

4 FOR the purpose of expressing approval for the City of Baltimore to join ICLEI as a full member,
5 to participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, and, as a participant, to pledge
6 to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of
7 climate change; and providing for a special effective date.

8 **WHEREAS**, Scientific consensus has developed that carbon dioxide (CO²) and other
9 greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere have a profound effect on the Earth's climate; and

10 **WHEREAS**, In 2006, the U.S. National Climatic Data Center confirmed clear evidence of
11 human influences on climate, due to changes in greenhouse gases; and

12 **WHEREAS**, The U.S. Conference of Mayors endorsed the 2005 U.S. Mayors' Climate
13 Protection Agreement signed by more than 700 mayors in the United States, including the City
14 of Baltimore; and

15 **WHEREAS**, The Urban Environmental Accords adopted by local government delegates
16 during UN World Environment Day 2005 call for reduced emissions through energy efficiency,
17 land use and transportation planning, waste reduction, and wiser energy management; and

18 **WHEREAS**, The 2000 U.S. Global Change Research Program's (USGCRP) First National
19 Assessment indicated that global warming has begun; and

20 **WHEREAS**, 162 countries, including the United States, pledged under the United Nations
21 Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase
23 energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs,
24 reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the local government, its businesses, and its
25 residents; and

26 **WHEREAS**, The City of Baltimore has initiated a process to complete a Sustainability Plan
27 and implementation program, established an Office of Sustainability, Environmental Sub-
28 Cabinet and Sustainability Advisory Commission; and

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

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1 **WHEREAS**, The Cities for Climate Protection® Campaign sponsored by the International
2 Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) - Local Governments for Sustainability has
3 invited the City of Baltimore to join ICLEI and become a partner in the Cities for Climate
4 Protection Campaign.

5 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
6 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore expresses approval for the City of Baltimore to join ICLEI
7 as a full member, to participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, and, as a
8 participant, to pledge to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes
9 and impacts of climate change.

10 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the City of Baltimore will undertake the
11 Cities for Climate Protection Campaign's 5 milestones to reduce both greenhouse gas and air
12 pollution emissions throughout the community, and specifically:

- 13 • Conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and forecast to determine the source
14 and quantity of greenhouse gas emissions in the jurisdiction;
- 15 • Establish a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target;
- 16 • Develop an action plan with both existing and future actions that when implemented
17 will meet the local greenhouse gas reduction target;
- 18 • Implement the action plan; and
- 19 • Monitor and report progress.

20 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the City of Baltimore requests assistance
21 from ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign as it progresses through the milestones.

22 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this Resolution takes effect on the date it
23 is enacted.