

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 10-0602**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Cole, Middleton, Henry, Curran, Kraft, Spector,  
Conaway, Welch

Introduced and read first time: September 20, 2010

Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: January 10, 2011

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Marriage License Fees – Domestic Violence Shelters**

FOR the purpose of increasing the additional fee for a marriage license to be dedicated and used for operating domestic violence shelters; and correcting an obsolete cross-reference.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement

Section(s) 48-1

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 48. Miscellaneous Fees**

**§ 48-1. Marriage license fees for domestic violence shelters.**

(a) *Collection and remittance.*

Pursuant to State Family Law Article [§ 2-404(h)] § 2-404(D), the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall:

(1) collect an additional fee of [§25] \$75 for the issuance of a marriage license in Baltimore City, and

(2) transmit the proceeds from this additional fee to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore on a monthly basis.

**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 (b) *Use of proceeds.*

2 (1) The proceeds so transmitted shall be segregated in a special fund and available for  
3 appropriation for the sole purpose of operating domestic violence shelters which have  
4 a 24-hour intake ability.

5 (2) The Director of Finance shall disburse the monies in the special fund as provided by  
6 the appropriation and by any contracts entered into for this purpose.

7 (c) *Reports.*

8 Any such contract shall provide for annual financial and operating reports to be made in  
9 writing and, if requested, by an appearance of a representative of the contractor before  
10 the Board of Estimates and/or the City Council or a designated subcommittee thereof.

11 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance  
12 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior  
13 Ordinance.

14 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
15 after the date it is enacted.

Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City