

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 11-0003
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes

Introduced and read first time: December 8, 2011

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Board of Ethics, Department of Finance,
Mayor's Office of Information Technology

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Public Ethics – Financial Disclosures –**
3 **Online Posting of Elected Officials' Statements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring disclosure statements filed by elected officials to be posted on the
5 Ethics Board's Website; excepting these statements from a certain record of inspections;
6 deleting erroneous references to the copying of disclosure statements; and generally relating
7 to the financial disclosure provisions of the City Ethics Code.

8 BY adding

9 Article 8 - Ethics
10 Section 7-4
11 Baltimore City Code
12 (Edition 2000)

13 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

14 Article 8 - Ethics
15 Section 7-4
16 Baltimore City Code
17 (Edition 2000)

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

20 **Baltimore City Code**

21 **Article 8. Ethics**

22 **Subtitle 7. Financial Disclosure**

23 **§ 7-4. ONLINE POSTING OF ELECTED OFFICIALS' STATEMENTS.**

24 ON OR BEFORE MAY 15 OF EACH YEAR, THE ETHICS BOARD MUST POST ON ITS WEBSITE ALL
25 STATEMENTS FILED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR. THESE
26 STATEMENTS MUST REMAIN POSTED UNTIL 1 YEAR AFTER THE ELECTED OFFICIAL LEAVES

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 OFFICE AND, IF REQUIRED, HAS FILED A DEPARTURE STATEMENT UNDER § 7-11 OF THIS
2 SUBTITLE.

3 **§ 7-5. [§ 7-4.] Record of inspections.**

4 [The] EXCEPT FOR STATEMENTS POSTED ONLINE IN ACCORD WITH § 7-4 OF THIS SUBTITLE,
5 THE Executive Director must require each person who inspects [or copies] a statement filed
6 under this subtitle to:

7 (1) identify himself or herself; and

8 (2) record:

9 (i) his or her name, home address, telephone number, and organization
10 represented; and

11 (ii) the name of the person whose statement was inspected [or copied].

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

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