

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 06-0239R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Mitchell, Harris, Branch, Reisinger, Clarke, Curran, Kraft,
Holton

Introduced and read first time: December 4, 2006

Assigned to: Taxation and Finance Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Greater Baltimore Committee, Downtown Partnership,
Greater Baltimore Board of Realtors, Department of Finance

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Baltimore City Tax and Fee Structure Task Force**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Baltimore City Tax and Fee Structure Task Force to study
4 and examine the application and use of Baltimore City's tax structure and fee system.

5 **Recitals**

6 Currently, the City's property tax rate is 2.28 per \$100 of assessed value. This is at least
7 double the tax rate in surrounding jurisdictions. In order to come up with concrete, hard, cutting-
8 edge reforms, we must examine the whole picture of the City's tax structure and learn about the
9 effect and consequence of taking real cuts out of the City's property tax. The importance of
10 these property tax revenues is significant, and cutting them could have a major effect on City
11 services.

12 In order to make sure that the City's tax structure and fee system is appropriate and that tax
13 rates in all areas are appropriate, a task force is necessary. After the appropriate studies and
14 examinations are done, we will be able to decide where tax cuts are needed and where the rates
15 need to remain steady in order to keep City services and programs available to the citizens of
16 Baltimore City.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
18 Baltimore City Tax and Fee Structure Task Force be established to study and examine the
19 application and use of Baltimore City's tax structure and fee system.

20 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Task Force members include the following
21 representatives or their designees:

- 22 ● The Greater Baltimore Committee
- 23 ● The Downtown Partnership
- 24 ● The Charles Village Community Benefits District
- 25 ● The Midtown Benefits District
- 26 ● The Greater Baltimore Board of Realtors
- 27 ● The Department of Finance
- 28 ● The Baltimore City Chamber of Commerce

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

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- The University of Baltimore
- The Baltimore Urban League

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to those individuals or entities named to the Task Force, the Mayor, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.