

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)

Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference **Date:** January 30, 2019

Referred to: TAXATION, FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Committee

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

CITY COUNCIL 19 - 033

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

**Corrective – Consumer Price Index Used in the Adjustment
of the Energy Tax Rate**

FOR the purpose of correcting the name of the Consumer Price Index used in the annual adjustment of the energy tax rate; modifying the fiscal year for the rate adjustment; and providing for a special effective date.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 28 - Taxes
Section(s) 25-14(d)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

****The introduction of an Ordinance or Resolution by Councilmembers at the request of any person, firm or organization is a courtesy extended by the Councilmembers and not an indication of their position.**

Agencies

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

Boards and Commissions

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE **19-266**
Council Bill 19-0331

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019
Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

Committee Report: Favorable
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: June 11, 2019

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

**Corrective – Consumer Price Index Used in the Adjustment
of the Energy Tax Rate**

FOR the purpose of correcting the name of the Consumer Price Index used in the annual adjustment of the energy tax rate; modifying the fiscal year for the rate adjustment; and providing for a special effective date.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 28 - Taxes
Section(s) 25-14(d)
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 28. Taxes

Subtitle 25. Public Utilities Tax

Part 2. Energy Tax

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.

Council Bill 19-0331

1 § 14-14. Rates.

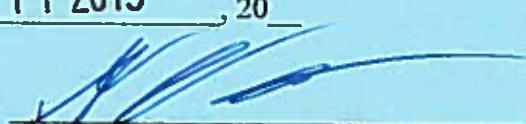
2 (d) Annual adjustments.

3 For Fiscal Year [2006] 2020 and each subsequent fiscal year, these tax rates shall be
4 adjusted by the percentage change in the [Washington-Baltimore] BALTIMORE-
5 COLUMBIA-TOWSON Consumer Price Index, as reported by the United States Department
6 of Labor, comparing December of the preceding calendar year to the December of the
7 next preceding calendar year.

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

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
12 enacted.

Certified as duly passed this _____ day of JUN 11 2019, 20__




President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to his Honor, the Mayor,
this _____ day of JUN 11 2019, 20__

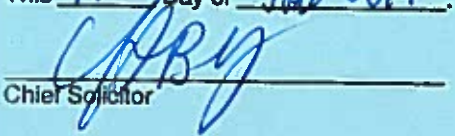


Chief Clerk

Approved this 17 day of June, 2019



Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved For Form and Legal Sufficiency
This 17th Day of June 2019.


Chief Solicitor

BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VOTING RECORD

DATE: May 16, 2019

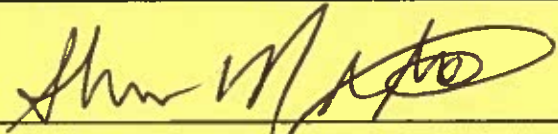
BILL#: 19-0331

BILL TITLE: Corrective – Consumer Price Index Used in the Adjustment of Energy Tax Rate


MOTION BY: Castello SECONDED BY: Stokes

- FAVORABLE FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS
 UNFAVORABLE WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Middleton, Sharon, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pinkett, Leon, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Castello, Eric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reisinger, Edward	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stokes, Robert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTALS	3	0		

CHAIRPERSON: 

COMMITTEE STAFF: Samuel Johnson, Initials: 

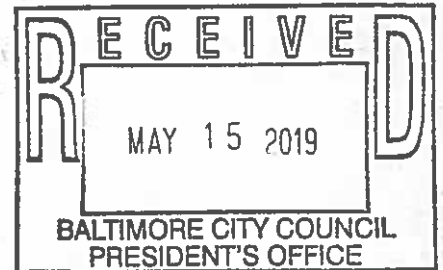
F R O M	Name & Title	Letitia Dzirasa, M.D., Commissioner <i>LD</i>	Health Department AGENCY REPORT	
	Agency Name & Address	Health Department 1001 E. Fayette Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202		
	Subject: Position:	CC #19-0331 NO POSITION		

To: President and Members
of the City Council
c/o 409 City Hall

May 16, 2019

The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review City Council bill #19-0331, entitled "Corrective - Consumer Price Index Used in the Adjustment of the Energy Tax Rate." This bill would revise the name of the consumer price index used in the annual adjustment of the energy tax rate and modify the fiscal year for the rate adjustment. BCHD takes **no position** on Council Bill #19-0331 and defers to the Department of Finance.

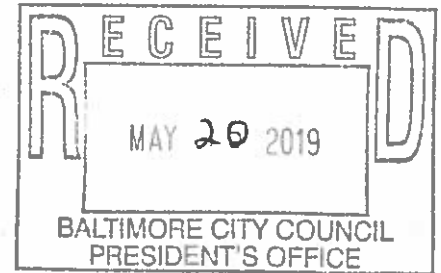
*Defers to Dept.
of Finance*





BALTIMORE CITY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Favorable



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner *MB*

Date: May 3, 2019

Re: **City Council Bill 19-0331, Corrective – Consumer Price Index Used in the Adjustment of the Energy Tax Rate**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0331, for the purpose of correcting the name of the Consumer Price Index used in the annual adjustment of the energy tax rate; modifying the fiscal year for the rate adjustment; and providing for a special effective date.

The Director of Finance is required to adjust energy tax rates by the annual percent change in the Baltimore-Washington Consumer Price Index (CPI) as reported by the United States Department of Labor (USDOL). The USDOL discontinued this geographic area in November 2017 and replaced it with the Baltimore-Columbia Towson CPI indicator. If enacted, this bill will correct the name of CPI used in the annual adjustment of the energy tax rate.

DHCD has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0331 and supports the passage of the bill.

MB:td

cc: Mr. Jeffrey Amoros, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

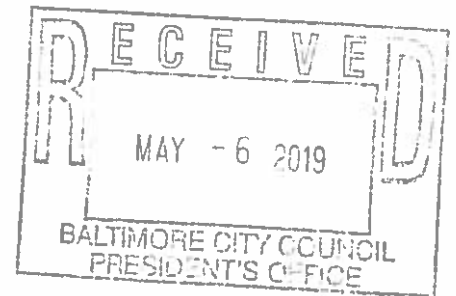
CITY OF BALTIMORE

BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG
Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW
ANDRE M. DAVIS, CITY SOLICITOR
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET
SUITE 101, CITY HALL
BALTIMORE, MD 21202

May 6, 2019



The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 19-0331 – Corrective– Consumer Price Index Used in the
Adjustment of the Energy Tax Rate

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0331 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill correct the name of the Consumer Price Index that is used in the annual adjustment of the rate for the existing energy tax.

As there are no legal impediments to this bill, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hilary Ruley".

Hilary Ruley
Chief Solicitor

cc: Andre M. Davis, City Solicitor
Jeffrey Amoros, Mayor's Office of Government Relations
Elena DiPietro, Chief Solicitor
Victor Tervalá, Chief Solicitor
Ashlea Brown, Assistant Solicitor

F



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 8, 2019
TO: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee
FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO
POSITION: Support
SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 19-0331 - Corrective – Consumer Price Index Used in the Adjustment of the Energy Tax Rate

INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill Corrective – Consumer Price Index Used in the Adjustment of the Energy Tax Rate (19-0331), introduced by the Council President.

PURPOSE

This change in ordinance will correct the name of the Consumer Price Index used in the annual adjustment of the energy tax rate; modifying the fiscal year for the rate adjustment; and providing for a special effective date.

BRIEF HISTORY

This bill is related to the annual adjustment of the energy tax rate in Baltimore City.

FISCAL IMPACT

As a result of this corrective bill, the City will be using a Consumer Price Index figure (Baltimore-Columbia-Towson) that is more reflective of current and local conditions, as opposed to the prior Washington-Baltimore index figure.

AGENCY POSITION

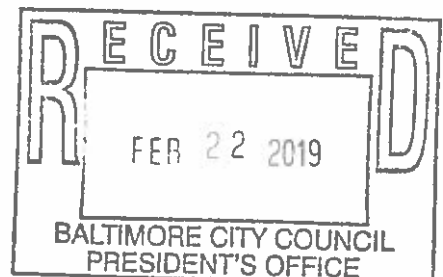
The Baltimore Development Corporation supports City Council Bill Corrective – Consumer Price Index Used in the Adjustment of the Energy Tax Rate (19-0331).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or at kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com.


cc: Jeffrey Amoros

[MK]

F



RAC

FROM	NAME & TITLE	Robert Cenname, Budget Chief	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Finance Room 432, City Hall (410) 396-4774		
	SUBJECT	CCB 19-0331 – Corrective – Consumer Price Index Used in the Adjustment of Energy Tax Rate		

DATE:

TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

March 5, 2019

Attention: Ms. Natawna Austin

We are herein reporting on City Council Bill 19-0331, which calls for correcting the regional Consumer Price Index (CPI) used for calculating the annual adjustment of energy tax rates.

Background

The City levies energy tax on three user groups: commercial, residential and nonprofit users. The rate is applied on a per unit basis of consumption for five types of energy: electricity, natural gas, liquid petroleum gas, fuel oil and steam.

In accordance with Article 28, Section 25-14(d) of the Baltimore City Code the Director of Finance is required to adjust energy tax rates by the annual percent change in the Baltimore-Washington CPI as reported in November by the United States Department of Labor (USDL). The USDL discontinued the calculation of CPI for this geographical area in November 2017 and replaced it with the Baltimore-Columbia-Towson CPI indicator in December of the same year.

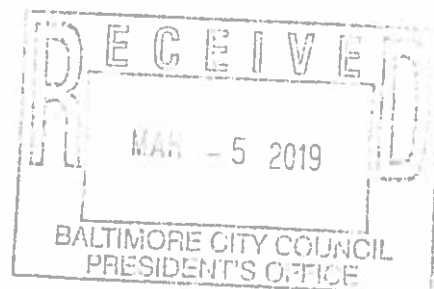
Fiscal Analysis

The proposed legislation does not have any fiscal impact to the City. The proposed legislation would simply adjust the basis used by the Department of Finance to calculate energy tax rates based on CPI.

Conclusion

The Finance Department supports the passage of CC Bill 19-0331.

cc: Henry Raymond
Jeff Amoros



F

FROM	NAME & TITLE	Rudolph S. Chow, P.E., Director	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Public Works 600 Abel Wolman Municipal Building		
	SUBJECT	Mayor and City Council Resolution 19-0331		

DATE: February 25, 2019

TO

TO Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

INTRODUCTION

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 19-0331 introduced by Council President Young on behalf of the Administration (Department of Finance).

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Bill is to correct the name of the Consumer Price Index used in the annual adjustment of the energy tax rate; modify the fiscal year for the rate adjustment; and provide for a special effective date.

BRIEF HISTORY

In 2010 Ordinance 10-300 was enacted which repealed and reordained with amendments, Article 28 § 25-14 of the Baltimore City Code, modifying the basic rate of the energy tax according to certain classes of users. Annual adjustments to the basic rate, beginning in Fiscal Year 2011, were based on the percentage change in the Washington-Baltimore Consumer Price Index. Passage of City Council Bill 19-0331 would replace the Washington-Baltimore Consumer Price Index with the Baltimore-Columbia-Towson Consumer Price Index as the basis for calculating the adjusting the basic tax rate beginning in Fiscal Year 2020 and every fiscal year thereafter.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION

The Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 18-0331.

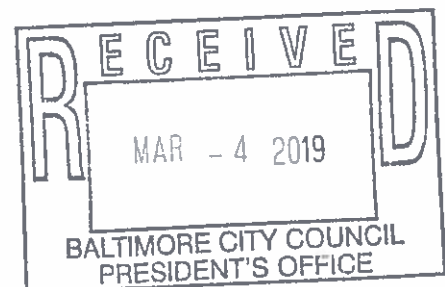
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Marcia Collins at 410-396-1960 (Marcia.Collins@baltimorecity.gov).

Sincerely,


 Rudolph S. Chow, P.E.
 Director

RSC:MMC

no objection



City of Baltimore

City Council
City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland
21202

Meeting Minutes - Final

Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

Thursday, May 16, 2019

10:00 AM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

19-0331

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 3 - Member Sharon Green Middleton, Member Eric T. Costello, and Member Robert Stokes Sr.

Excused 2 - Member Leon F. Pinkett III, and Member Edward Reisinger

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

19-0331

Corrective - Consumer Price Index Used in the Adjustment of the Energy Tax Rate

For the purpose of correcting the name of the Consumer Price Index used in the annual adjustment of the energy tax rate; modifying the fiscal year for the rate adjustment; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

A motion was made by Member Costello, seconded by Member Stokes, Sr., that bill 19-0331 be Recommended Favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Member Middleton, Member Costello, and Member Stokes Sr.

ADJOURNMENT



BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development

Bill 19-0331

**Corrective – Consumer Price Index Used in the
Adjustment of Energy Tax Rate**

Sponsor: *President Young (The Administration)*

Introduced: *February 4, 2019*

Purpose:

For the purpose of correcting the name of the Consumer Price Index used in the annual adjustment of the energy tax rate; modifying the fiscal year for the rate adjustment; and providing for a special effective date.

Effective: Date of enactment

Hearing Date/Time/Location: May 16, 2019 / 10:00 a.m. / Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber

Agency Reports

City Solicitor	Favorable
Baltimore Development Corporation	Favorable
Health Department	
Department of Finance	Favorable
Department of Public Works	No Objection
Department of Housing and Community Development	

Analysis

Current Law:

Article 28 - Taxes; Section(s) 25-14(d); Baltimore City Code; (Edition 2000)

Background

In 2010, Ordinance 10-300 was enacted to modify the energy tax rates for certain classes of users. These tax rate changes began in fiscal year 2011, and were calculated using the standard percentage change for the Washington-Baltimore Consumer Price Index. In the City of Baltimore, the energy tax is applied to three user groups: commercial, residential, and non-profit organizations. The existing rate is then applied on a per unit basis of consumption for five types of energy: electricity, natural gas, liquid petroleum gas, and fuel oil and steam.

If enacted, Bill 19-0331 would modify the language in the existing Baltimore City Code to allow for the energy tax rates as represented in the Baltimore-Columbia-Towson Consumer Price Index (CPI) to take effect starting in fiscal year 2020 and every year thereafter. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Baltimore-Columbia-Towson is published bi-monthly, and it is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The CPI for all urban consumers in the Baltimore-Columbia-Towson increased 0.5 percent for December 2018 – February 2019, as reported by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. During that same time period the energy index and food index also increased 1.0 and 0.4 percent, respectively.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the energy index includes the prices for household and transportation fuels. The 1.8 percent rise in electricity prices since December of 2018 contributed to the 1.0 percent increase for overall energy index. Also, the energy index for gasoline increased 0.2 percent, while the utility (piped) gas service decreased 0.8 percent. In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group.

This legislation will not have any fiscal impact on the city; it will only adjust the basis used by the Department of Finance to calculate energy tax rates based on the Consumer Price Index.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: Not Available

Information Source(s): Agency Reports, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Analysis by: Samuel Johnson
Analysis Date: May 14, 2019

Direct Inquiries to: (410) 396-1091

City of Baltimore

City Council
City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland
21202

Meeting Agenda - Final

Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

Thursday, May 16, 2019

10:00 AM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

19-0331

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

[19-0331](#)

Corrective - Consumer Price Index Used in the Adjustment of the Energy Tax Rate

For the purpose of correcting the name of the Consumer Price Index used in the annual adjustment of the energy tax rate; modifying the fiscal year for the rate adjustment; and providing for a special effective date.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

Attachments:

[19-0331~1st Reader](#)

[BDC 19-0331](#)

[DPW 19-0331](#)

[Finance 19-0331](#)

ADJOURNMENT

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 19-0331

**Corrective – Consumer Price Index Used in the
Adjustment of the Energy Tax Rate**

Committee: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development
Chaired By: Councilmember Sharon Green-Middleton

Hearing Date: May 16, 2019
Time (Beginning): 10:05 a.m.
Time (Ending): 10:11 a.m.
Location: Clarence “Du” Burns Chambers
Total Attendance: Approximately 10 – 15 people
Committee Members in Attendance:
Sharon Green Middleton
Robert Stokes
Eric Costello

Bill Synopsis in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Attendance sheet in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Agency reports read?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Motioned by:	Councilmember Costello		
Seconded by:	Councilmember Stokes		
Final Vote:	Favorable		

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Hiliary Ruley, Law Department
- Matthew Kachura, Baltimore Development Corporation
- Pedro Aponte, Department of Finance
- Marcia Collins, Department of Public Works

- Sharon DaBoin, Department of Housing and Community Development

Major Issues Discussed

1. Councilwoman Middleton read the bill into the record and introduced committee members.
2. Hilary Ruley – Read agency report into the record.
3. Matthew Kachura – Read agency report into the record.
4. Pedro Aponte – Read agency report into the record.
5. Marcia Collins – Read agency report into the record.
6. Sharon DaBoin – Read agency report into the record.
7. There was no public comments.
8. Approximately 10 – 15 people were in attendance.
9. This hearing was adjourned, the final bill will be presented at the June 11, 2019 City Council meeting.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe. N/A

Committee Vote:

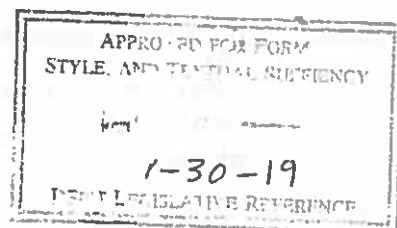
S. Middleton:..... Yea
L. Pinkett:..... Absent
E. Costello:..... Yea
E. Reisinger:..... Absent
R. Stokes:..... Yea

Samuel Johnson , Committee Staff
(410) 396-1091

Date: May 16, 2019

cc: Bill File
OCS Chrono File

INTRODUCTORY*
CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL _____



Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

**Corrective – Consumer Price Index Used in the Adjustment
of the Energy Tax Rate**

FOR the purpose of correcting the name of the Consumer Price Index used in the annual adjustment of the energy tax rate; modifying the fiscal year for the rate adjustment; and providing for a special effective date.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 28 - Taxes
Section(s) 25-14(d)
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 28. Taxes

Subtitle 25. Public Utilities Tax

Part 2. Energy Tax

§ 25-14. Rates.

(d) *Annual adjustments.*

For Fiscal Year [2006] 2020 and each subsequent fiscal year, these tax rates shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the [Washington-Baltimore] BALTIMORE-COLUMBIA-TOWSON Consumer Price Index, as reported by the United States Department of Labor, comparing December of the preceding calendar year to the December of the next preceding calendar year.

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

* WARNING: THIS IS AN UNOFFICIAL, INTRODUCTORY COPY OF THE BILL.
THE OFFICIAL COPY CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL IS THE FIRST READER COPY.

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

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is enacted.

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0331
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President

At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019

Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Baltimore Development Corporation,
Health Department, Department of Finance, Department of Public Works, Department of
Housing and Community Development

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Corrective – Consumer Price Index Used in the Adjustment**
3 **of the Energy Tax Rate**

4 FOR the purpose of correcting the name of the Consumer Price Index used in the annual
5 adjustment of the energy tax rate; modifying the fiscal year for the rate adjustment; and
6 providing for a special effective date.

7 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

8 Article 28 - Taxes
9 Section(s) 25-14(d)
10 Baltimore City Code
11 (Edition 2000)

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

14 **Baltimore City Code**

15 **Article 28. Taxes**

16 **Subtitle 25. Public Utilities Tax**

17 ***Part 2. Energy Tax***

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

Council Bill 19-0331

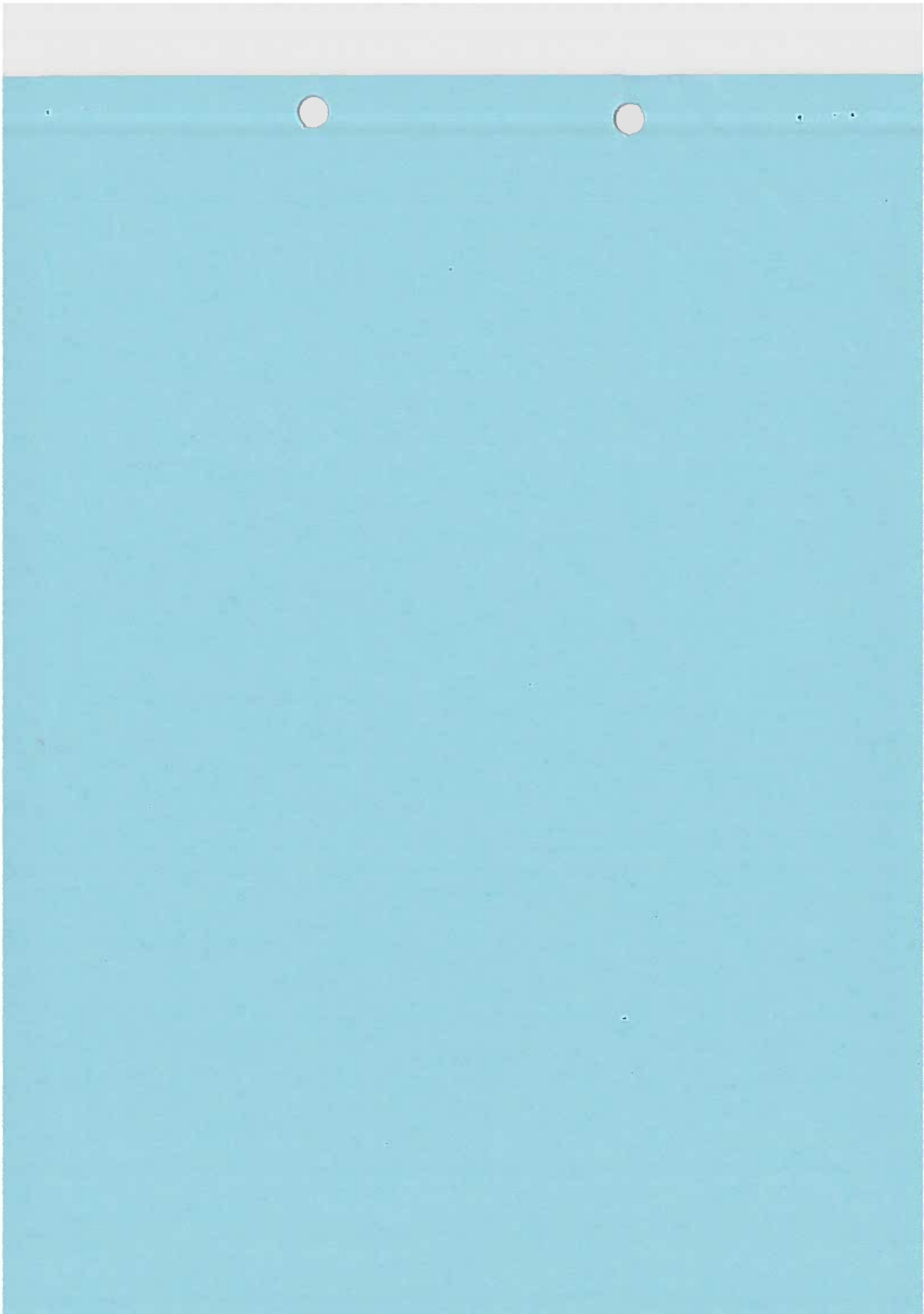
1 **§ 25-14. Rates.**

2 (d) *Annual adjustments.*

3 For Fiscal Year [2006] 2020 and each subsequent fiscal year, these tax rates shall be
4 adjusted by the percentage change in the [Washington-Baltimore] BALTIMORE-
5 COLUMBIA-TOWSON Consumer Price Index, as reported by the United States Department
6 of Labor, comparing December of the preceding calendar year to the December of the
7 next preceding calendar year.

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

11 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
12 enacted.



ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

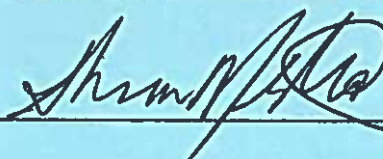
FEB 04 2019

FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) _____ 20 _____

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON _____ May 16 20 19

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF _____ May 16 20 19

FAVORABLE _____ UNFAVORABLE _____ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED _____ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION



Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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

JUN 11 2019

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

THIRD READING _____ 20 _____

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

THIRD READING (ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

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

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

Chief Clerk