

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 19-0451**

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Introduced by: President Scott, Councilmembers Henry, Cohen, Schleifer, Costello, Pinkett,  
Burnett, Bullock, Sneed, Clarke, Reisinger, McCray, Stokes, Dorsey, Middleton

Introduced and read first time: September 23, 2019

Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: March 9, 2020

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Biennial Comprehensive ~~Crime Reduction~~ Violence Prevention Plan**

FOR the purpose of requiring that the ~~Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice~~ Baltimore City  
Department of Health present to the City Council a biennial comprehensive ~~crime reduction~~  
violence prevention plan; specifying that the ~~Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice~~ Baltimore  
City Department of Health develop the plan in consultation with certain agencies;  
establishing the contents of the plan; and requiring the publication of the plan on the City's  
website for public comment.

BY adding

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

Section(s) 29-10, to be under the new subtitle,

“Subtitle 29. ~~Crime Reduction~~ Violence Prevention”

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 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies**

**Subtitle 29. ~~CRIME REDUCTION~~ VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

**§§ 29-1 to 29-9. {RESERVED}**

**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 § 29-10. BIENNIAL ~~CRIME REDUCTION~~ VIOLENCE PREVENTION STRATEGY PLAN.

2 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

3 ON OR BEFORE ~~JUNE 30~~ JANUARY 31 OF EACH ~~EVEN-NUMBERED~~ ODD-NUMBERED YEAR,  
4 THE ~~MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE~~ BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
5 SHALL PRESENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL A COMPREHENSIVE ~~CRIME REDUCTION~~ VIOLENCE  
6 PREVENTION STRATEGY PLAN FOR THE SUBSEQUENT 2 YEARS.

7 (B) *DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION.*

8 (1) IN GENERAL.

9 THE ~~MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE~~ BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
10 SHALL COORDINATE AND DEVELOP THE PLAN IN DIRECT CONSULTATION WITH:

11 ~~(1) THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH;~~

12 (I) ~~(2)~~ THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY  
13 DEVELOPMENT;

14 (II) ~~(3)~~ THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS;

15 (III) ~~(4)~~ THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS;

16 (IV) ~~(5)~~ THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES;

17 (V) ~~(6)~~ THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;

18 (VI) ~~(7)~~ THE BALTIMORE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT;

19 (VII) ~~(8)~~ THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT;

20 (VIII) ~~(9)~~ THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM;

21 (IX) ~~(10)~~ THE BALTIMORE CITY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE;

22 (X) ~~(11)~~ THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION;

23 (XI) ~~(12)~~ THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY;

24 (XII) ~~(13)~~ THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SUCCESS;

25 (XIII) ~~(14)~~ THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT;

26 (XIV) ~~(15)~~ THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES; AND

27 (XV) ~~(16)~~ THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES.

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1            (2) QUALIFICATION.

2            ONLY THE ENTITIES LISTED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT ARE  
3            MUNICIPAL AGENCIES AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE I, § 2(J) {"DEFINITIONS: MUNICIPAL  
4            AGENCY"} ARE REQUIRED TO ASSIST AND PARTICIPATE WITH THE BALTIMORE CITY  
5            DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

6            (C) *CONTENTS.*

7            ~~THE PLAN REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION SHALL:~~

8            ~~(1) ANALYZE EXISTING CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA;~~

9            ~~(2) ASSESS POLICING PRACTICES;~~

10           ~~(3) ASSESS HOLISTIC, NON-POLICING EFFORTS AIMED AT CRIME REDUCTION;~~

11           ~~(4) REPORT ON ANY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT MEASURES TAKEN OR TO BE TAKEN TO~~  
12           ~~ASSIST IN CRIME REDUCTION;~~

13           ~~(5) ASSESS PUBLIC ATTITUDES AND PUBLIC EDUCATION REGARDING CRIMINAL JUSTICE~~  
14           ~~ISSUES; AND~~

15           ~~(6) ESTABLISH GOALS, PRIORITIES, AND STANDARDS FOR THE REDUCTION OF CRIME~~  
16           ~~AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN THE CITY.~~

17           (1) THE PLAN REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION SHALL FOCUS ON THE SOCIAL DETERMINATIVE  
18           OUTCOMES OF HEALTH, AS DESCRIBED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND  
19           PREVENTION, BY:

20           (I) ANALYZING AVAILABLE CITY DATA REGARDING CRIMINAL JUSTICE, HEALTH,  
21           EDUCATION, PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, LEAD PAINT, DRUG  
22           OVERDOSES, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DATASET;

23           (II) OUTLINING PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY STRATEGIES, INCLUDING SETTING  
24           GOALS FOR PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, ENFORCEMENT, REHABILITATION,  
25           AND RE-ENTRY;

26           (III) SETTING FORTH HOLISTIC, NON-POLICING EFFORTS AIMED AT VIOLENCE  
27           PREVENTION;

28           (IV) ESTABLISHING GOALS, PRIORITIES, AND STANDARDS FOR THE PREVENTION OF  
29           VIOLENCE, THE REDUCTION OF HARM, THE REMEDIATION OF TRAUMA, AND THE  
30           OVERALL IMPROVEMENT OF HEALTH DISPARITIES WITHIN BALTIMORE CITY;  
31           AND

32           (V) UTILIZING ANY OTHER DATA, METRIC, OR METHODOLOGY THAT THE  
33           DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BELIEVES TO BE WITHIN THE BEST PRACTICES FOR  
34           THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE, THE REDUCTION OF HARM, THE REMEDIATION

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1 OF TRAUMA, AND THE OVERALL IMPROVEMENT OF HEALTH DISPARITIES WITHIN  
2 BALTIMORE CITY.

3 (2) AFTER THE INITIAL PLAN, EACH SUBSEQUENT PLAN UNDER THIS SECTION MUST  
4 INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS, UTILIZING QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE DATA, OF THE  
5 SPECIFIC STRATEGIES OUTLINED IN THE PREVIOUS PLAN IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE  
6 EFFECTIVENESS OF THOSE STRATEGIES.

7 (D) *PUBLICATION OF PLAN AND COMMENT.*

8 (1) THE PLAN REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE POSTED PROMINENTLY FOR PUBLIC  
9 COMMENT ON THE CITY’S WEBSITE FOR NO LESS THAN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO ITS  
10 SUBMISSION TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

11 (2) AFTER THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD HAS CONCLUDED AND PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO  
12 THE CITY COUNCIL, THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MAY AMEND OR  
13 REVISE ITS PLAN TO:

14 (I) REFLECT THE PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED; OR

15 (II) INCLUDE UPDATED DATA.

16 (3) ~~(2)~~ ANY COMMENTS RECEIVED SHALL BE INCLUDED WITH THE PLAN ON ITS  
17 SUBMISSION TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

18 (E) *INTERIM PROGRESS REPORTS.*

19 NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31 OF EACH EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR, THE BALTIMORE CITY  
20 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL SUBMIT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AN INTERIM  
21 PROGRESS REPORT DETAILING THE PROGRESS OF THE PLAN SUBMITTED IN THE PREVIOUS  
22 YEAR, INCLUDING:

23 (1) AN ANALYSIS, ASSESSMENT, AND, IF NECESSARY, RE-EVALUATION OF ANY  
24 RELEVANT DATA, STRATEGIES, AND PRIORITIES FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR; AND

25 (2) ANY PUBLIC EDUCATION OR ENGAGEMENT MEASURES TAKEN OR TO BE TAKEN  
26 BASED ON THAT DATA TO ASSIST IN THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE, THE  
27 REDUCTION OF HARM, THE REMEDIATION OF TRAUMA, AND THE OVERALL  
28 IMPROVEMENT OF HEALTH DISPARITIES WITHIN BALTIMORE CITY.

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

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

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Certified as duly passed this 6 day of April, 2020



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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 6 day of April, 2020



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Chief Clerk

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

Pursuant to Baltimore City Charter, Article IV, Section 5 (c), this bill  
became law without the Mayor's signature on May 18, 2020.  
Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency  
this 25th day of April, 2020.

Elena DiPietro  
Chief Solicitor