

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 13-0194**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Stokes, Welch, Scott, Henry, Branch, President Young,  
Councilmembers Curran, Spector, Middleton, Holton  
Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2013  
Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee  
Committee Report: Favorable with amendments  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: March 4, 2013

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Ticket Agencies – Temporary Modifications**

FOR the purpose of temporarily modifying certain provisions relating to service charges on the sale of tickets for admission to certain events; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; providing for a special effective date; providing for the automatic termination of this Ordinance on a date certain; and generally relating to ticket agencies and ticket sales.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments

Article 15 - Licensing and Regulation

Section(s) 21-1(b)

Baltimore City Code

(Edition 2000)

BY repealing

Article 15 - Licensing and Regulation

Section(s) 21-2 and 21-3

Baltimore City Code

(Edition 2000)

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 19 - Police Ordinances

Section(s) 55-1(b)

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 15. Licensing and Regulation**

**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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**Subtitle 21. Ticket Agencies**

**§ 21-1. License required.**

*(b) Exception.*

Provided, however, that no license shall be required of any agent duly authorized in writing by a licensed exhibitor to sell tickets for said licensee [at the established price printed thereon].

**[§ 21-2. Maximum service charge.**

A licensee under this section, or any officer or employee thereof, shall not directly or indirectly exact, accept, or receive for any ticket or token of admission to an exhibition, performance, game, or sport conducted by a licensee under a license granted by the State of Maryland, or the City of Baltimore, any greater amount than 50¢ in excess of the sum of the regular or established price or charge therefor printed on the face of such ticket, plus the amount of any tax imposed by the Government of the United States or by the State of Maryland upon such ticket or the right of admission thereunder.]

**[§ 21-3. “Scalping” prohibited.**

*(a) Price to be on ticket.*

Wherever the right of admission to any licensed exhibition or performance or to any game or sport where a charge is made is evidenced by a ticket, card, or other token, the regular or established price or charge therefor shall be conspicuously printed thereon.

*(b) Sale for more prohibited; penalties.*

(1) If such licensee, or any of his officers or employees, shall extract, accept, or receive, directly or indirectly, any greater amount than such regular or established price or charge, plus the amount of any tax imposed by the Government of the United States or the State of Maryland:

(i) the license of such licensee may be revoked and annulled; and

(ii) such licensee, officer, or employees shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500 for each such violation.

(2) The sale of each ticket in violation thereof shall constitute a separate offense.]

**Article 19. Police Ordinances**

**Subtitle ~~21~~ 55. Ticket Agencies Sales**

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1 § 55-1. Ticket scalping.

2 (b) Exception.

3 Nothing in this section [shall] MAY be construed to make illegal or invalidate [the excess  
4 sum which is permitted to be charged for certain tickets] A SERVICE CHARGE IMPOSED BY  
5 OR STATE OR LOCAL TAXES COLLECTED by a person [engaged in the business of selling]  
6 LICENSED TO SELL tickets (OR THAT PERSON’S AUTHORIZED AGENT) under the provisions  
7 of Article 15, Subtitle 21 {“Ticket Agencies”} of the City Code.

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. It will remain in effect until ~~November~~ September 1, 2013, on which date, with no  
13 further action by the Mayor and City Council: (i) this Ordinance will be abrogated and of no  
14 further effect; and (ii) the provisions repealed or amended by this Ordinance will be revived and  
15 again come into full force and effect as they were before the enactment of this Ordinance.

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