

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 11-0685

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, D’Adamo, Curran, Branch, Kraft, Cole, Middleton,
Holton, Stokes, Welch, Reisinger, Conaway, Henry, Spector
Introduced and read first time: April 11, 2011
Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

Committee Report: Favorable with an amendment
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: May 16, 2011

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Water – Required Meter Readings

FOR the purpose of ensuring that actual rather than estimated water meter readings are made;
requiring that actual rather than estimated water meter readings are used for residential
billing purposes; and generally relating to water meter readings and billing.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 24 - Water
Section(s) 1-2(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 24. Water

Subtitle 1. Director of Public Works

§ 1-2. Rates and charges.

(b) *Meter readings.*

The Director of Public Works [shall be responsible for having] MUST ENSURE THAT:

(1) every consumer’s accessible water meter IS actively read and the ACTUAL reading
accurately recorded 4 times during each calendar year; AND

(2) NO WATER BILL BASED ON AN ESTIMATED RATHER THAN ACTUAL READING IS SENT
TO ANY RESIDENTIAL CONSUMER WHOSE WATER METER IS ACCESSIBLE TO

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 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES WHEN THEY ATTEMPT TO READ THE
2 WATER METER.

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

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

Certified as duly passed this _____ day of _____, 20__

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,

this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City