

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 06-0506  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft, Curran, Clarke, Mitchell, Harris

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Environmental Control Board, Department of Public Works, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Baltimore City Office of Sustainability**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Baltimore City Office of Sustainability; providing for the  
4 appointment of an Executive Director and staff for the Office; providing for the  
5 establishment and implementation of an Environmental Management Program; specifying  
6 the powers and duties of the Office and the Executive Director; and generally relating to an  
7 Office of Sustainability.

8 By adding

9 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies  
10 Section(s) 34-1 through 34-12, to be under the new subtitle,  
11 "Subtitle 34. Office of Sustainability"  
12 Baltimore City Code  
13 (Edition 2000)

14 By adding

15 Article 8 - Ethics  
16 Section(s) 7-8(39)  
17 Baltimore City Code  
18 (Edition 2000)

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

21 **Baltimore City Code**

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

23 **SUBTITLE 34. BALTIMORE CITY OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY**

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

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1 **§ 34-1. DEFINITIONS.**

2 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

3 IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

4 (B) *DIRECTOR.*

5 “DIRECTOR” MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OR THE EXECUTIVE  
6 DIRECTOR’S DESIGNEE.

7 (C) *“INCLUDES”*; *“INCLUDING”*.

8 “INCLUDES” OR “INCLUDING” MEANS BY WAY OF ILLUSTRATION AND NOT BY WAY OF  
9 LIMITATION.

10 (D) *OFFICE.*

11 “OFFICE” MEANS THE BALTIMORE CITY OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY.

12 **§ 34-2. {RESERVED}**

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14 **§ 34-3. OFFICE ESTABLISHED.**

15 THERE IS A BALTIMORE CITY OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY.

16 **§ 34-4. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR.**

17 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE IS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR IN ACCORDANCE  
18 WITH ARTICLE IV, § 6 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

19 **§ 34-5. STAFF AND CONSULTANTS.**

20 THE DIRECTOR MAY EMPLOY A STAFF AND MAY CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANTS AND OTHER  
21 EXPERTS AS PROVIDED IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

22 **§ 34-6. {RESERVED}**

23 **§ 34-7. MISSION OF OFFICE.**

24 (A) *“SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY” DEFINED.*

25 A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY IS ONE IN WHICH ECONOMIC, ECOLOGICAL, AND SOCIAL  
26 WELL-BEING ARE INTEGRATED TO ENSURE ALL LIVE WELL, WITHIN NATURE’S MEANS.

27 (B) *PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS.*

28 (1) THE MISSION OF THE OFFICE IS TO DEVELOP AND ADVOCATE FOR PROGRAMS, POLICIES,  
29 AND ACTIONS BY GOVERNMENT, CITIZENS, AND BUSINESSES THAT LEAD TO  
30 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES IN THE CITY.

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1 (2) THESE PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS INCLUDE THOSE THAT:

- 2 (I) SUPPORT A DIVERSE AND VIBRANT ECONOMY;
- 3 (II) PROMOTE AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES;
- 4 (III) PROTECT AND RESTORE THE INTEGRITY OF THE NATURAL SYSTEMS THAT  
5 SUPPORT LIFE, INCLUDING AIR, WATER, AND LAND;
- 6 (IV) PRESERVE THE DIVERSITY OF PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE; AND
- 7 (V) REDUCE HUMAN IMPACTS ON LOCAL AND WORLDWIDE ECOSYSTEMS.

8 **§ 34-8. {RESERVED}**

9 **§ 34-9. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.**

10 (A) *OFFICE TO DEVELOP.*

11 THE OFFICE SHALL DEVELOP AN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE  
12 CITY.

13 (B) *COMPONENTS.*

14 THE PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR:

- 15 (1) DEVELOPING OR COORDINATING CITY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS THAT WILL  
16 IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE IN CITY OPERATIONS;
- 17 (2) FACILITATING THE CITY'S COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL  
18 ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS;
- 19 (3) ADVANCING THE CITY'S ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES;
- 20 (4) INTEGRATING SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES INTO CITY PLANS,  
21 PROGRAMS, AND POLICIES; AND
- 22 (5) SETTING SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL TARGETS AND OBJECTIVES FOR  
23 THE CITY.

24 (C) *IMPLEMENTATION.*

25 THE OFFICE SHALL OVERSEE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM.

26 **§ 34-10. SUPPORT FOR OTHER PROGRAMS AND POLICIES.**

27 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

28 THE OFFICE SHALL SEEK TO ASSURE PROPER CITY SUPPORT FOR THE CITY'S GREEN  
29 BUILDING, ENERGY POLICY, AND SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS.

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1 (B) *SPECIFIC DUTIES.*

2 TO THIS END, THE OFFICE SHALL:

- 3 (1) DIRECT AND EVALUATE ENERGY POLICY AND GLOBAL WARMING ACTION PLAN  
4 IMPLEMENTATION;
- 5 (2) ADMINISTER AND MONITOR DIRECT CITY GOVERNMENT ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
6 ACTIVITIES;
- 7 (3) REVIEW CITY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE POLICY;
- 8 (4) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE POLICIES AND  
9 PROGRAMS;
- 10 (5) ADMINISTER AND MONITOR PROGRAMS IN SUPPORT OF GREEN BUILDING AND  
11 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES; AND
- 12 (6) ADMINISTER THE CITY’S SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS.

13 **§ 34-11. DIRECTOR’S POWERS AND DUTIES – IN GENERAL.**

14 THE DIRECTOR SHALL:

- 15 (1) PREPARE AND UPDATE ANNUALLY A SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
16 MANAGEMENT PLANNING AGENDA FOR THE CITY;
- 17 (2) REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ON THE PERFORMANCE IN MEETING  
18 SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL TARGETS AND OBJECTIVES OF:
  - 19 (i) EACH CITY AGENCY; AND
  - 20 (ii) THE CITY OVERALL;
- 21 (3) NEGOTIATE AND ADMINISTER CONTRACTS WITH AND CITY FUNDING OF  
22 ORGANIZATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING,  
23 PROGRAMS, COMPLIANCE, PERFORMANCE, AND ADVOCACY;
- 24 (4) SERVE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER AFFECTED AGENCY HEADS, AS THE CITY’S  
25 REPRESENTATIVE TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN  
26 ISSUES RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT;
- 27 (5) MANAGE THE ACTIVITIES, AS DESCRIBED IN CITY CODE ARTICLE 5, SUBTITLE 34, OF  
28 THE COMMISSION ON RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECYCLING;
- 29 (6) REGULARLY REVIEW AND PROPOSE APPROPRIATE CHANGES TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
30 MANAGEMENT PROGRAM; AND
- 31 (7) PERFORM ANY OTHER DUTIES PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

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1 **§ 34-12. DIRECTOR’S POWERS AND DUTIES – RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

2 (A) *DIRECTOR MAY ADOPT.*

3 THE DIRECTOR MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE.

4 (B) *FILING WITH LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE.*

5 A COPY OF ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
6 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BEFORE THEY TAKE EFFECT.

7 **Article 8. Ethics**

8 **§ 7-8. Persons required to file – Agency officials and staff.**

9 Except as provided in § 7-10 {“Person filing with State”} of this subtitle, the following  
10 officials and employees must file the financial disclosure statements required by this subtitle:

11 (39) *SUSTAINABILITY, OFFICE OF.*

12 (I) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

13 (II) ALL NON-CLERICAL EMPLOYEES OF OFFICE.

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

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