

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 19-0459**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Office of the Mayor)  
Introduced and read first time: October 28, 2019  
Assigned to: Judiciary Committee  
Committee Report: Favorable  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: December 5, 2019

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**City Property – Naming the Courthouse East Building to be the  
Elijah E. Cummings Courthouse**

FOR the purpose of naming the Courthouse East Building, located at 111 North Calvert Street,  
the Elijah E. Cummings Courthouse.

BY authority of

Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement  
Section 20-2  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

**Recitals**

The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings demonstrated a life-long commitment to the law and to protecting the civil rights of his fellow citizens. Prior to his service in elective office, he fought for justice as an attorney practicing in the historic Courthouse East building. He would later serve the citizens of Baltimore in the Maryland House of Delegates and United States House of Representatives until his passing on October 17, 2019.

The Courthouse East building is situated directly across from the Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Courthouse. That building was renamed in 1985, in honor of the late Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., who served as head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)'s Washington office and was one of President Lyndon Johnson's chief advisers during the Civil Rights Movement. Mitchell was the brother of the late Honorable Parren J. Mitchell, the first African-American to win election to and serve as Representative of the 7<sup>th</sup> District seat in Congress. As Congressman Cummings would later hold this same seat for 23 years until his transition, it is fitting to rename the Courthouse East building in his honor.

**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           The Elijah E. Cummings Courthouse will stand in perpetuity as a monument to  
2           the Congressman’s service to the common man, the rule of law in our society, and  
3           his commitment to economic justice for all.

4           **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
5           Courthouse East Building, located at 111 North Calvert Street, is named the Elijah E. Cummings  
6           Courthouse.

7           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
8           after the date it is enacted.

Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His 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