

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
ORDINANCE **21.039**  
Council Bill 21-0085

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Baltimore City Fire Department)  
Introduced and read first time: May 17, 2021  
Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee  
Committee Report: Favorable  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: July 19, 2021

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AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

1                   **Baltimore City Fire Code – Telephone Access to 9-1-1 Emergency System**

2           FOR the purpose of requiring that certain multiple-line telephone systems allow for the direct dial  
3           of 9-1-1; defining certain terms; authorizing certain inspections; providing for certain fines;  
4           and generally relating to access to the City's 9-1-1 emergency system.

5           BY repealing and re-ordaining with amendments

6           Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes  
7           Section 8-102 (IFC § 110.7)  
8           Baltimore City Revised Code  
9           (2018 Edition)

10          BY adding

11          Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes  
12          Section 8-102 (IFC § 916)  
13          Baltimore City Revised Code  
14          (2018 Edition)

15          BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments

16          Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies  
17          Section 40-14(e)(6)  
18          Baltimore City Code  
19          (Edition 2000)

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

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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**Baltimore City Revised Code**

**Article – Building, Fire, and Related Codes**

**Part VIII. Fire Code**

**§ 8-102. City modifications.**

The additions, deletions, amendments, and other modifications adopted by the City are as follows:

**Chapter 1. Scope and Administration**

**Section 110 Violations**

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**110.7 Citations for certain offenses.** In accordance with City Code Article 1, Subtitle 40 {"Environmental Control Board"}, City Code Article 1, Subtitle 41 {"Civil Citations"}, or City Code Article 19, Subtitle 71 {"Special Enforcement Officers"}, a prepayable citation may be issued to the owner, agent, or person responsible for the operation or in charge of any occupancy that fails to comply with the following provisions of this Code:

1. § 108.6 {"Maintenance: Overcrowding"}
2. § 111.1 {"Unsafe Buildings: General"}, [or]
3. § 916.4 {"TELEPHONE ACCESS TO THE CITY'S 9-1-1 EMERGENCY SYSTEM: GENERAL"}
4. § 1001.2 {"Means of Egress: Minimum Requirements"}.

**Chapter 9. Fire Protection Systems**

**SECTION 916 TELEPHONE ACCESS TO THE CITY'S 9-1-1 EMERGENCY SYSTEM**

**916.1 "MULTIPLE-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM" DEFINED.** IN THIS SECTION, "MULTIPLE-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN STATE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, § 1-314 {"CONNECTION OF MULTIPLE-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM TO ALLOW FOR DIRECT DIALING OF 9-1-1"}.

**916.2 PURPOSE.** IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE, THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION IS TO ENSURE THAT ANY PERSON USING A MULTIPLE-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM CAN DIRECT DIAL 9-1-1- WITHOUT HAVING TO DIAL ANOTHER NUMBER FIRST.

**916.3 APPLICABILITY.** THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ANY PERSON THAT INSTALLS OR OPERATES A MULTIPLE-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM.



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1 916.4 GENERAL. A PERSON THAT INSTALLS OR OPERATES A MULTIPLE-LINE  
2 TELEPHONE SYSTEM SHALL ENSURE THAT THE SYSTEM IS CONNECTED TO THE PUBLIC  
3 SWITCHED TELEPHONE NETWORK IN SUCH A WAY THAT WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL USING  
4 THE SYSTEM DIALS 9-1-1, THE CALL CONNECTS TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING  
5 POINT WITHOUT REQUIRING THE USER TO DIAL ANY OTHER NUMBER OR SET OF  
6 NUMBERS.

7 916.4.1 AUTHORITY TO INSPECT. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL INSPECT THE  
8 INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF A MULTIPLE-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND  
9 ENFORCE COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 107 {"INSPECTIONS"} OF THIS CODE.

10 Baltimore City Code

11 Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

12 Subtitle 40. Environmental Control Board

13 § 40-14. Violations to which subtitle applies.

14 (e) Provisions and penalties enumerated.

15 (5c) Building, Fire, and Related Codes Article – Fire Code

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17 § 916.4 {"TELEPHONE ACCESS TO THE CITY'S 9-1-1 EMERGENCY SYSTEM  
18 GENERAL"}

19 1<sup>ST</sup> OFFENSE \$100  
20 2<sup>ND</sup> AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES \$200

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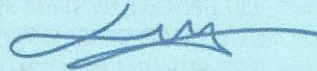
22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance  
23 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior  
24 Ordinance.

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



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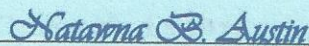
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President, Baltimore City Council

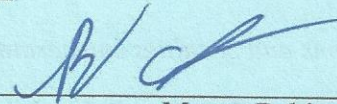
Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 16 day of August, 2021



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Chief Clerk

Approved this 23 day of August, 2021



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Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency

This 23rd Day of August, 2021.

*Elena R DiPietro*

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Chief Solicitor