

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 11-0685  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, D'Adamo, Curran, Branch, Kraft, Cole, Middleton,  
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Introduced and read first time: April 11, 2011

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Housing and  
Community Development, Department of Public Works, Department of Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Water – Required Meter Readings**

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

6 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

7 Article 24 - Water

8 Section(s) 1-2(b)

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

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

13 **Baltimore City Code**

14 **Article 24. Water**

15 **Subtitle 1. Director of Public Works**

16 **§ 1-2. Rates and charges.**

17 (b) *Meter readings.*

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

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

21 (2) NO WATER BILL BASED ON AN ESTIMATED RATHER THAN ACTUAL READING IS SENT  
22 TO ANY RESIDENTIAL CONSUMER.

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

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

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