

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 06-0455
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Conaway, D’Adamo, Young, Curran, Clarke, Kraft, Rawlings
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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Property – Electrical Safety Inspections**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring City property to be periodically inspected to assure the safety of all
4 electrical wiring, appliances, and equipment; requiring certain actions on discovery of a
5 hazard; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the inspection of City property.

6 BY adding

7 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement
8 Section(s) 22-1 through 22-2, to be under the new subtitle,
9 “Subtitle 22. Safety Inspections”
10 Baltimore City Code
11 (Edition 2000)

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

14 **Baltimore City Code**

15 **Article 4. Finance, Property, an Procurement**

16 **SUBTITLE 22. SAFETY INSPECTIONS**

17 **§ 22-1. DEFINITIONS.**

18 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

19 IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANING INDICATED.

20 (B) *CITY PROPERTY.*

21 (1) “CITY PROPERTY” MEANS ANY REAL PROPERTY, WHETHER IMPROVED OR
22 UNIMPROVED, THAT IS:

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

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1 (I) OWNED, LEASED, OR CONTROLLED BY THE CITY; OR

2 (II) OCCUPIED BY ANY AGENCY OR OTHER UNIT OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

3 (2) "CITY PROPERTY" INCLUDES BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES, STREETS AND
4 SIDEWALKS, PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, LOTS, WHARVES AND DOCKS, AND OTHER PLACES.

5 (C) INCLUDES; INCLUDING.

6 "INCLUDES" OR "INCLUDING" MEANS BY WAY OF ILLUSTRATION AND NOT BY WAY OF
7 LIMITATION.

8 **§ 22-2. ELECTRICAL SAFETY.**

9 (A) *INSPECTIONS REQUIRED.*

10 ALL CITY PROPERTY SHALL BE INSPECTED AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR TO ASSURE THAT ALL
11 ELECTRICAL WIRING, APPLIANCES, AND EQUIPMENT IN, ON, OR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT
12 TO THE PROPERTY ARE IN GOOD CONDITION, SAFELY PLACED, AND PROPERLY SECURED.

13 (B) *CORRECTIVE ACTION.*

14 IF ANY SAFETY HAZARD OR POTENTIAL SAFETY HAZARD IS DISCOVERED:

15 (1) THE AREA AFFECTED SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE CLOSED; AND

16 (2) CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN TO ELIMINATE THE HAZARD OR POTENTIAL HAZARD.

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

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