

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 08-0092
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Spector, Clarke, Holton, Henry, Kraft, Cole, D'Adamo,
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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Housing and
Community Development, Department of Public Works, Police Department, Mayor's Office of
Criminal Justice, Fire Department, Department of Transportation, Department of Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Building Addresses – Placement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the address number of a building to be affixed or otherwise placed,
4 in a certain manner, at the rear of the building as well as at the front; increasing the penalty
5 for a violation of the laws governing building addresses; providing for alternative
6 enforcement by environmental citation; conforming, correcting, and clarifying related
7 language; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the numbering of
8 houses and other buildings in the City of Baltimore.

9 BY renaming

10 Article 26 - Surveys, Streets, and Highways
11 Subtitle 6. House Numbers
12 to be
13 Subtitle 6. Building Address Numbers
14 Baltimore City Code
15 (Edition 2000)

16 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

17 Article 26 - Surveys, Streets, and Highways
18 Section(s) 6-3, 6-7, and 6-9
19 Baltimore City Code
20 (Edition 2000)

21 BY adding

22 Article 26 - Surveys, Streets, and Highways
23 Section(s) 6-9
24 Baltimore City Code
25 (Edition 2000)

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

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1 BY adding
2 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
3 Section(s) 40-14(e)(4b)
4 Baltimore City Code
5 (Edition 2000)

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

8 **Baltimore City Code**

9 **Article 26. Surveys, Streets, and Highways**

10 **Subtitle 6. [House] BUILDING ADDRESS NUMBERS**

11 **§ 6-3. Duty to affix numbers.**

12 (a) *Affixing to new buildings.*

13 The owner of any new house or other building shall affix or place on the premises, in the
14 manner prescribed in this subtitle, the correct number of [said] THAT house or other
15 building, as determined and fixed by the Department of Public Works [when the said
16 house or other building has been substantially completed].

17 (b) *Maintaining on all.*

18 The owner or occupant of any house or other building shall affix and shall at all times
19 [keep affixed] MAINTAIN on the premises the correct number of [said] THAT house or
20 [any] other building, as determined and fixed by the Department of Public Works.

21 **§ 6-7. [Arabic numerals; visibility] REQUIRED DISPLAY.**

22 The correct number of every house or other building:

23 (1) shall be displayed in Arabic numerals;

24 (2) shall consist of a number plate or other means of numbering satisfactory to the
25 Director of Public Works; and

26 (3) shall be affixed or otherwise placed:

27 (I) at the front entrance of [said] THE house or other building or the front entrance
28 to the premises on which [any such] THE house or other building is [erected]
29 LOCATED SO [as to be] THAT THE NUMBER IS plainly visible and legible in
30 daytime from a point LOCATED 4 feet above the curb line [and located]
31 immediately in front of the [said front] entrance ON WHICH THE NUMBER IS
32 PLACED [of any such house or other building or the said front entrance to the
33 premises on which any such house or other building is erected]; AND

34 (II) AT THE REAR OF THE HOUSE OR OTHER BUILDING SO THAT THE NUMBER IS
35 PLAINLY VISIBLE AND LEGIBLE IN DAYTIME FROM A POINT LOCATED 4 FEET

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1 ABOVE THE GRADE LEVEL OF THE ALLEY OR OTHER PROPERTY IMMEDIATELY
2 BEHIND THE STRUCTURE ON WHICH THE NUMBER IS PLACED.

3 **§ 6-9. ENFORCEMENT BY CITATION.**

4 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

5 IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER CIVIL OR CRIMINAL REMEDY OR ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE,
6 THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE ENFORCED BY ISSUANCE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL CITATION AS
7 AUTHORIZED BY CITY CODE ARTICLE 1, SUBTITLE 40 {"ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
8 BOARD"}.

9 (B) *PROCESS NOT EXCLUSIVE.*

10 THE ISSUANCE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL CITATION TO ENFORCE THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT
11 PRECLUDE PURSUING ANY OTHER CIVIL OR CRIMINAL REMEDY OR ENFORCEMENT ACTION
12 AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

13 **§ 6-10. [§ 6-9.] Penalties.**

14 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

15 Any [owner or occupant failing to comply with or violating] PERSON WHO VIOLATES any
16 [of the provisions] PROVISION of this subtitle [shall be] IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
17 AND, ON CONVICTION, subject to a fine of not more than [\$10] \$500 for each offense [and
18 to an additional fine of \$10 for every day that such noncompliance or violation shall
19 continue].

20 (B) *EACH DAY A SEPARATE OFFENSE.*

21 EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

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

23 **Subtitle 40. Environmental Control Board**

24 **§ 40-14. Violations to which subtitle applies.**

25 (e) *Provisions and penalties enumerated.*

26 (4B) **ARTICLE 26. SURVEYS, STREETS, AND HIGHWAYS**

27 SUBTITLE 6. BUILDING NUMBERS \$25

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

31 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect 120 days after
32 it is enacted.