

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 21-0085  
(First Reader)**

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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

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Transportation, Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Department of General Services, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Department of Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

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

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

6 BY repealing and re-ordaining with amendments

7 Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes  
8 Section 8-102 (IFC § 110.7)  
9 Baltimore City Revised Code  
10 (2018 Edition)

11 BY adding

12 Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes  
13 Section 8-102 (IFC § 916)  
14 Baltimore City Revised Code  
15 (2018 Edition)

16 BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments

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

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

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

**Council Bill 21-0085**

**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.

