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HEARING NOTES

Bill: 21-0007

COVID-19 Restaurant, Consumer, and Gig Worker Relief Act (Temporary Limit on Third-Party Delivery Services Fees)

Committee: Ways and Means
Chaired by: Councilman Eric T. Costello
Hearing Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Time (Beginning): 10:05 AM
Time (Ending): 10:45 AM
Location: Virtual "WebEx" Meeting
Total Attendance: Approximately 40

Committee Members in Attendance:

Eric T. Costello
Robert Stokes, Sr.
Danielle McCray
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Kristerfer Burnett
Ryan Dorsey
Sharon Green Middleton

Bill Synopsis in the file? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Attendance sheet in the file? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Agency reports read? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Video or audio-digitally recorded? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? [] yes [] no [X] n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners? [] yes [] no [X] n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing? [X] yes [] no [] n/a
Motioned by: Councilmember Dorsey
Seconded by: Councilmember Stokes
Final Vote: Favorable

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Elena DiPietro, Law Department

- Mara James, Finance Department
- D'Paul Nibber, Health Department
- Kim Clark, Baltimore Development Corporation
- Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office
- Claudia Jolin, Downtown Partnership of Baltimore
- Nikki Thompson, Council President's Office
- Anthony DeFranco, Department of Legislative Reference
- Alice Visilia, Small Business Owner

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Costello, primary sponsor of the legislation gave opening remarks explaining the purpose of legislation. He also talked about some of the things the legislation does not do and that the legislation is intended to be temporary.
2. Representatives from city agencies and the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore supported the agency reports and responses submitted; none opposed the legislation.
3. Committee members asked questions, stated concerns and asked panelists to chime in with answers and/or comments. Some highlights were:
 - Comment(s)
 - About how important small businesses are to the city
 - Concerns/Clarification Sought
 - How will the legislation be enforced and/or what mechanisms will be used to enforce the law when it is enacted
 - Question(s)
 - Do we know how many third-party operators are working in the City?
Answer: There are approximately 3,000 drivers in the City
4. A small business owner testified. She asked for additional clarification/information about what the legislation does and thereafter supported the legislation.
5. A question was received via "Chat" from a member of the public regarding how the delivery fees will be calculated after the legislation is enacted.
6. Vote taken.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

E. Costello:.....**Yea**
K. Burnett:.....**Yea**
R. Dorsey:**Yea**
D. McCray:**Yea**
S. Green Middleton:**Yea**
I. Schleifer:**Yea**
R. Stokes, Sr.:**Yea**

Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff

Date: January 19, 2021

cc: Bill File
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BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE VOTING RECORD

DATE: January 19, 2021

BILL #: 21-0007

BILL TITLE: COVID-19 Restaurant, Consumer, and Gig Worker Relief Act
(Temporary Limit on Third-Party Delivery Services Fees)

MOTION BY: Dorsey SECONDED BY: Stokes

- FAVORABLE FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS
 UNFAVORABLE WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Costello, Eric - Chair	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burnett, Kristerfer	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dorsey, Ryan	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
McCray, Danielle	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middleton, Sharon	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schleifer, Isaac	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stokes, Robert	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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TOTALS	7	-	-	-

CHAIRPERSON: Eric T. Costello, E.T.C.

COMMITTEE STAFF: Marguerite M. Currin Initials: M.M.C.



Baltimore City Council Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Council Bill – COVID-19 Restaurant, Consumer, and Gig Worker Relief Act (Temporary Limit on Third-Party Delivery Services Fees)	Bill #: 21-0007
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Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021	Time: 10:00 AM
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First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*	
				For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
		<i>See hearing notes</i>					

*NOTE: IF YOU ARE COMPENSATED OR INCUR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS BILL, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO REGISTER WITH THE CITY ETHICS BOARD AS A LOBBYIST. REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE ONLINE AND IS A SIMPLE PROCESS. FOR INFORMATION VISIT: [HTTPS://ETHICS.BALTIMORECITY.GOV/](https://ethics.baltimorecity.gov/) OR CALL: 410-396-4730

City of Baltimore

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City Hall, Room 408
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Ways and Means

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

10:00 AM Virtual/Du Burns Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall: Phone:
+1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 179 679 8828, Password:
Public, Link: [https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?](https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?MTID=e3fed9b759a9cc28c76ee5e0264b30c00)
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21-0007

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 7 - Eric T. Costello, Kristerfer Burnett, Ryan Dorsey, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Robert Stokes Sr.

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

21-0007

COVID-19 Restaurant, Consumer, and Gig Worker Relief Act (Temporary Limit on Third-Party Delivery Services Fees)

For the purpose of establishing certain temporary regulations on third-party food delivery platforms; defining certain terms; authorizing the Director of Finance to adopt rules and regulations to implement and enforce this subtitle; setting forth certain prohibited conduct for third-party food delivery platforms; providing for enforcement by citation; providing for certain criminal and administrative penalties; providing for this Ordinance's severability; setting forth a certain termination date; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the regulation of third-party food delivery platforms and the economic well-being of Baltimore restaurants, consumers, and gig workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sponsors: Eric T. Costello, President Nicholas J. Mosby, Robert Stokes, Sr., Ryan Dorsey, Odette Ramos, Kristerfer Burnett, Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, John T. Bullock, Phylcia Porter, James Torrence, Zeke Cohen, Antonio Glover

A motion was made by Member Dorsey, seconded by Member Stokes, Sr., that Ordinance 21-0007 be recommended favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Costello, Burnett, Dorsey, McCray, Middleton, "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Stokes Sr.

ADJOURNMENT