

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 17-0144**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke, President Young, Councilmembers Bullock, Pinkett,  
Cohen, Reisinger, Stokes, Middleton, Schleifer, Henry, Costello  
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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee  
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Council action: Adopted  
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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Discounted City Services, Permits, and Equipment for Nonprofit Events**

FOR the purpose of requiring that the City grant a 50% discount for City services, permits, and equipment used to support a nonprofit event; creating certain exceptions and exemptions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the provision of City support to nonprofit events.

BY adding

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies  
Section(s) 37-1 to 37-3, to be under the new subtitle designation  
“Subtitle 37. Nonprofit Event Discount”  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

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

**Baltimore City Code**

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

**SUBTITLE 37. NONPROFIT EVENT DISCOUNT**

**§ 37-1. DISCOUNT ON CITY SERVICES, PERMITS, AND EQUIPMENT COSTS FOR NONPROFIT EVENTS.**

(A) *IN GENERAL.*

(1) *REQUIRED DISCOUNT.*

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, IF ~~THE NET PROCEEDS FROM ANY~~  
AN EVENT ARE TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE BENEFIT OF IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**EXPLANATION:** CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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1 WITHOUT CHARGE AND SPONSORED BY A QUALIFYING ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED IN  
2 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE FEES FOR CITY SERVICES, PERMITS, OR  
3 EQUIPMENT USED TO SUPPORT THE EVENT MUST BE REDUCED BY 50% FROM THE  
4 OTHERWISE APPLICABLE ~~RATE~~ RATES.

5 (2) *QUALIFYING ORGANIZATIONS.*

6 (I) AN ORGANIZATION QUALIFIES FOR THE 50% DISCOUNT REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH  
7 (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF IT IS:

8 (A) A NONPROFIT, TAX-EXEMPT CHARITABLE OR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION;  
9 OR

10 (B) AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS NOT REQUIRED TO PAY ANY FEDERAL, STATE,  
11 OR LOCAL TAXES.

12 (II) ORGANIZATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE 50% DISCOUNT REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (1)  
13 OF THIS SUBSECTION INCLUDE:

14 (A) ~~THE BALTIMORE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S~~ THE MAYOR'S OFFICE  
15 OF MINORITY & WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT'S MAIN  
16 STREET PROGRAMS;

17 (B) RETAIL BUSINESS DISTRICT BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS ESTABLISHED  
18 UNDER CITY CODE ARTICLE 14, § 11-9. {"BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS"};

19 (C) BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS; ~~AND~~

20 (D) COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS, NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS,  
21 HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, AND ~~ASSOCIATED~~ ORGANIZED BLOCK CLUBS  
22 AND;

23 (E) SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS WITH 15 OR MORE BALTIMORE CITY YOUTH AGED  
24 18 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER AS PARTICIPANTS.

25 (B) *DOCUMENTATION TO BE PROVIDED.*

26 THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION MUST SUBMIT SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE TO THE  
27 DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, DOCUMENTING ITS  
28 QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DISCOUNT PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION AT THE TIME THAT IT  
29 REQUESTS CITY SERVICES, PERMITS, OR EQUIPMENT FOR ITS EVENT.

30 (C) *EXCLUSIONS.*

31 THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF EVENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE 50% DISCOUNT REQUIRED  
32 BY THIS SECTION:

33 (1) PUB CRAWLS; AND

34 (2) ROAD RACES.

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1 **§ 37-2. FEES INELIGIBLE FOR DISCOUNT.**

2 THE 50% DISCOUNT REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO:

3 (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS FEE SCHEDULE; ~~OR~~

4 (2) FEES IMPOSED BY THE PARKING AUTHORITY;

5 (3) FEES CHARGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY  
6 DEVELOPMENT FOR TEMPORARY STRUCTURES PURSUANT TO BUILDING CODE §  
7 109.6.1.M {"TEMPORARY STRUCTURES"}; OR

8 (4) FEES CHARGED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

9 **§ 37-3. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

10 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

11 THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS  
12 SUBTITLE.

13 (B) *COPIES TO BE FILED WITH LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE.*

14 A COPY OF ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION MUST BE FILED  
15 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BEFORE THEY BECOME EFFECTIVE.

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

19 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> 60<sup>th</sup>  
20 day after the date it is enacted.

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Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City