

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 19-0412**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Pinkett, President Scott

Introduced and read first time: July 22, 2019

Assigned to: Judiciary Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: September 23, 2019

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**City Property – Renaming Engine 52 Fire Station to  
Hilton L. Roberts, Sr. Fire Station**

FOR the purpose of changing the name of Engine 52 Fire Station, located at 3525 Woodbrook Avenue, to Hilton L. Roberts, Sr. Fire Station.

BY authority of

Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement  
Section 20-2  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

**Recitals**

Hilton L. Roberts, Sr., a career Baltimore City firefighter, was one of the first African American firefighters in Baltimore City. In 1943, he joined the United States Naval Service, and he was awarded the World War II Pacific Theater Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon, and the Victory Medal. Ten years later he returned to Baltimore and, along with seven others, graduated in the first class of African Americans from the Baltimore City Fire Department Academy. He and his fellow graduates were pioneers in this field of public service at a time when they encountered danger, hostility, and racial turmoil. Helping others was his calling, and firefighting was the vehicle by which he touched many lives.

Committed to being a positive role model in the community, he coordinated neighborhood fireworks displays so that parents and children could watch and safely enjoy the celebration. In 1959, he received a commendation for heroism from the Fire Department. His tireless work ethic, community spirit, and dedication to the Fire Department influenced members of the community and his family to seek employment in public service. Today one of his great-granddaughters serves as a firefighter in the Baltimore City Fire Department. It would be fitting to honor his service to Baltimore by naming Engine 52 Fire Station the Hilton L. Roberts, Sr. Fire Station.

**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       **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the  
2 name of Engine 52 Fire Station, located at 3525 Woodbrook Avenue, is changed to Hilton L.  
3 Roberts, Sr. Fire Station.

4       **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
5 after the date it is enacted.

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

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His 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