

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 08-0055
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft, Cole, Henry, Curran, D'Adamo, Clarke

Introduced and read first time: March 3, 2008

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Commission on Sustainability, Board of Estimates

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – Sustainability Funds**

3 FOR the purpose of expressly authorizing the establishment of 1 or more continuing, nonlapsing
4 funds to be used for promoting sustainability and a clean and safe environment in the City
5 and for related purposes; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City
6 for adoption or rejection.

7 BY proposing an amendment to
8 Article I - General Provisions
9 Section(s) 11
10 Baltimore City Charter
11 (1996 Edition)

12 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
13 City Charter is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

14 **Baltimore City Charter**

15 **Article I. General Provisions**

16 **§ 11. SUSTAINABILITY FUNDS.**

17 (A) *AUTHORIZATION.*

18 BY ORDINANCE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE MAY ESTABLISH 1 OR
19 MORE CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUNDS FOR PURPOSES OF PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY
20 AND A CLEAN AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, INCLUDING:

- 21 (1) ADMINISTERING THE ACTIVITIES OF A CITY OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY;
- 22 (2) PERFORMING EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH ON SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES;
- 23 (3) PROVIDING ASSISTANCE BY LOAN, GRANT, OR OTHERWISE TO INDIVIDUALS AND
24 ORGANIZATIONS UNDERTAKING ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY;

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 (4) CONDUCTING RESEARCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY; AND

2 (5) FUNDING RELATED CITY PROGRAMS.

3 (B) *REVENUE SOURCES.*

4 A FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY COMPRISE:

5 (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND IN THE ANNUAL ORDINANCES OF ESTIMATES;

6 (2) GRANTS OR DONATIONS MADE TO THE FUND; AND

7 (3) PROCEEDS FROM FINES, FEES, AND PROGRAMS DEDICATED TO THE FUND BY
8 ORDINANCE.

9 (C) *CONTINUING NATURE OF FUND.*

10 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CHARTER, UNSPENT PORTIONS OF A
11 FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION:

12 (1) REMAIN IN THE FUND, TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THEIR ORDAINED PURPOSES;

13 (2) DO NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL REVENUES OF THE CITY; AND

14 (3) THEIR APPROPRIATIONS DO NOT LAPSE.

15 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this proposed amendment to the City
16 Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or
17 rejection, in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form
18 specified by the City Solicitor.