

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 24-0553

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration
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Assigned to: Health, Environment, and Technology Committee

Committee Report: Favorable
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: September 16, 2024

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Mayor’s Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission – Amendments

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- 2 **FOR** the purpose of amending the composition of the Mayor’s Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory
3 Commission; altering procedures for meetings of the Commission; providing for staff to the
4 Commission; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Mayor’s
5 Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission.
- 6 **BY** repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments
7 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
8 Sections 55-3 and 55-6
9 Baltimore City Code
10 (Edition 2000)
- 11 **BY** adding
12 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
13 Sections 55-7
14 Baltimore City Code
15 (Edition 2000)
- 16 **BY** repealing
17 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
18 Sections 55-8 and 55-9
19 Baltimore City Code
20 (Edition 2000)

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 BY renumbering
2 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
3 Sections 55-10, 55-12, and 55-13
4 to be
5 Sections 55-8, 55-9, and 55-10
6 Baltimore City Code
7 (Edition 2000)

8 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
9 Sections 55-10, 55-12, and 55-13, respectively, of Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and
10 Municipal Agencies of the Baltimore City Code be renumbered to be Sections 55-8, 55-9, and
11 55-10, respectively.

12 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the Laws of Baltimore City read as
13 follows:

14 **Baltimore City Code**

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

16 **Subtitle 55. Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission.**

17 **§ 55-3. Advisory Commission membership.**

18 (a) *In general.*

19 (1) The Advisory Commission consists of [26] 15 members.

20 (2) Of these:

21 (i) [15] 7 members are appointed by the Mayor in accordance with Article IV, § 6
22 of the Baltimore City Charter; and

23 (ii) [11] 8 members are [agency representatives.] EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

24 (b) *Appointed members.*

25 The [15] 7 appointed members of the Advisory Commission are as follows:

26 [(1) 1 member representing each of the following 4 organizations:]

27 [(i) Maryland SPCA;]

28 [(ii) The Snyder Foundation for Animals;]

29 [(iii) the ASPCA; and]

30 [(iv) the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter.]

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- 1 [(2) 1 City Council member, nominated by the President of the City Council.]
- 2 [(3) 1 judge.]
- 3 [(4) 1 veterinarian practicing in Baltimore City.]
- 4 [(5) 4 at-large members.]
- 5 [(6) 4 at-large members, nominated by the President of the City Council.]
- 6 (1) 2 MEMBERS REPRESENTING:
 - 7 (I) ANIMAL RESCUE GROUPS; OR
 - 8 (II) ANIMAL ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS;
- 9 (2) 2 AT-LARGE MEMBERS, NOMINATED BY THE MAYOR;
- 10 (3) 1 MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY
- 11 COUNCIL; AND
- 12 (4) 2 AT-LARGE MEMBERS, NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

13 (c) *[Agency representatives.] EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.*

14 The [11 agency representatives] 8 EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS are the following, or their
15 designated representatives:

- 16 [(1) the Director of the Bureau of Animal Control.]
- 17 [(2) the Health Commissioner.]
- 18 [(3) the Director of Juvenile Services.]
- 19 [(4) the Director of Social Services.]
- 20 [(5) the Mayor.]
- 21 [(6) the President of the City Council.]
- 22 [(7) the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City.]
- 23 [(8) the Police Commissioner.]
- 24 [(9) the Baltimore City Sheriff.]
- 25 [(10) the Commissioner of Housing.]
- 26 [(11) the CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System]

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- 1 (1) THE MAYOR;
- 2 (2) THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL;
- 3 (3) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR BALTIMORE CITY;
- 4 (4) THE BALTIMORE CITY SHERIFF;
- 5 (5) THE POLICE COMMISSIONER;
- 6 (6) THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER;
- 7 (7) THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF ANIMAL CONTROL; AND
- 8 (8) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR DIRECTOR OF AN
- 9 ANIMAL SHELTER OPERATING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY.

10 (d) *Appointment without regard to political affiliation.*

11 The appointment of members must be made without regard to political affiliation.

12 § 55-6. Meetings; quorum.

13 (a) *In general.*

- 14 (1) The Advisory Commission [meets once per month.] SHALL MEET AT LEAST 2 TIMES
- 15 EACH CALENDAR YEAR.
- 16 (2) The Advisory Commission may hold additional meetings, at the call of the Chair, as
- 17 frequently as required to perform its duties.
- 18 (3) A majority of the members of the Advisory Commission constitutes a quorum for the
- 19 transaction of business.
- 20 (4) An affirmative vote by the majority of a quorum is needed for any official action.

21 (b) *Rules of procedure.*

22 The Advisory Commission may adopt rules of procedure to govern its meetings and

23 procedures.

24 (c) *Failure to attend meetings.*

25 If any member is absent from regularly scheduled meetings more than [3 times] 1 TIME in

26 1 year, not counting absences excused by the Chair:

- 27 (1) the member is considered to have resigned; and
- 28 (2) the Chair must request that the member's appointing authority fill the resultant
- 29 vacancy.

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1 **§ 55-7. PERSONNEL; BUDGET.**

2 (A) *STAFF.*

3 THE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ADEQUATE STAFF FOR THE ADVISORY
4 COMMISSION TO CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES.

5 (B) *VOLUNTEERS.*

6 THE ADVISORY COMMISSION MAY ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF VOLUNTEER WORKERS,
7 WITHOUT SALARY.

8 (C) *BUDGET.*

9 THE ADVISORY COMMISSION MAY EXPEND FUNDS AS AUTHORISED IN THE ORDINANCE OF
10 ESTIMATES.

11 [**§ 55-8. Volunteers.**]

12 [The Advisory Commission may engage the services of volunteer workers, without salary.]

13 [**§ 55-9. Budget.**]

14 [The Advisory Commission may expend funds as authorised in the Ordinance of Estimates.]

15 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on date it is
16 enacted.

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Certified as duly passed this 30 day of September, 2024



President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 30 day of September, 2024



Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20____

Mayor, Baltimore City