

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 22-0260
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Burnett, Ramos

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Assigned to: Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Ethics Board

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Ethics Board Financial Disclosures – Public Inspection – Identifying Information**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that an individual provide certain identifying
4 information when inspecting a financial disclosure for a public servant.

5 BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments

6 Article 8 - Ethics

7 Section(s) 7-4

8 Baltimore City Code

9 (Edition 2000)

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

12 **Baltimore City Code**

13 **Article 8. Ethics**

14 **Subtitle 7. Financial Disclosure**

15 **§ 7-4. Public Inspections.**

16 (a) *In general.*

17 [(1)] Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Ethics Board shall allow
18 a person to inspect a financial disclosure filed by a public servant under this subtitle.

19 (B) [(2)] *EXCEPTIONS.*

20 (1) The Ethics Board may not provide public access to a portion of a statement that is
21 filed on or after January 1, 2019, and that expressly identifies an individual's home
22 address.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (2) THE ETHICS BOARD MAY NOT PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCESS TO A PORTION OF A STATEMENT
2 THAT EXPRESSLY IDENTIFIES THE ADDRESS OF A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE INDIVIDUAL
3 WHO FILED THE DISCLOSURE.

4 [(b) *Record of inspections.*

5 The Executive Director must:

6 (1) require each person who inspects a statement filed under this subtitle to identify
7 him- or herself; and

8 (2) record:

9 (i) the inspecting person's name, address, telephone number, and organization
10 represented; and

11 (ii) the name of the person whose statement was inspected.]

12 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
13 after the date it is enacted.