

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 24-0527  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: President Mosby

Introduced and read first time: May 16, 2024

Assigned to: Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Office of Equity and Civil Rights, Office of the Mayor, Board of Elections, City Administrator

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

**Charter Amendment – City Council – Director of Budget and Finance**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the City Council to retain the services of an independent director budget and finance; providing for the qualifications and term of that director; specifying the duties of that director; providing for the director’s compensation and expenses; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

BY proposing to add

Article III - City Council  
Section 16  
Baltimore City Charter  
(1996 Edition)

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

**Baltimore City Charter**

**Article III. City Council**

**§ 16. DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND FINANCE.**

(A) *AUTHORITY TO EMPLOY.*

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL MAY EMPLOY THE SERVICES OF AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND FINANCE. THE SELECTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND FINANCE SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION, AS SUPPLEMENTED BY THE RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

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

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1 (B) *QUALIFICATIONS.*

2 THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND FINANCE:

- 3 (1) SHALL POSSESS A MASTER’S DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR  
4 UNIVERSITY IN ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, OR PUBLIC  
5 ADMINISTRATION;
- 6 (2) SHALL MEET ALL OTHER QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION SET BY THE RULES OF  
7 THE CITY COUNCIL;
- 8 (3) DURING HIS OR HER TERM, IS SUBJECT TO THE RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL THAT  
9 GENERALLY GOVERN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNCIL; AND
- 10 (4) DURING HER OR HIS TERM, MAY NOT ENGAGE IN ANY OTHER PRACTICE OR  
11 EMPLOYMENT AS AN ACCOUNTANT, FINANCIAL ADVISOR, OR OTHER SIMILAR WORK  
12 UNLESS:
- 13 (I) IT IS UNCOMPENSATED AND IN THE NATURE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE, SUCH  
14 AS PRO BONO ADVICE TO OR REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT CLIENTS,  
15 COMMUNITY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER  
16 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS; OR
- 17 (II) IT IS ON BEHALF OF HER- OR HIMSELF OR HER OR HIS PARENT, SPOUSE, OR  
18 CHILD.

19 (C) *TERM.*

20 THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND FINANCE SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE PRESIDENT  
21 OF THE CITY COUNCIL .

22 (D) *DUTIES.*

23 AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECTS, THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND  
24 FINANCE SHALL:

- 25 (1) PROVIDE INDEPENDENT BUDGET AND FINANCE ADVICE TO THE CITY COUNCIL, ITS  
26 COMMITTEES, AND SUBCOMMITTEES;
- 27 (2) FURNISH FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL, ITS COMMITTEES,  
28 AND SUBCOMMITTEES, AS REQUESTED; AND
- 29 (3) ASSIST THE CITY COUNCIL IN ANALYZING FINANCIAL MATTERS BEFORE THE CITY  
30 COUNCIL, ITS COMMITTEES, AND SUBCOMMITTEES.

31 (E) *COMPENSATION; EXPENSES.*

- 32 (1) THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND FINANCE’S COMPENSATION SHALL BE AT LEAST  
33 EQUAL TO THAT OF A FULL-TIME DEPUTY FINANCE DIRECTOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
34 FINANCE OR AN OPERATIONS DIRECTOR II, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.

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1 (2) THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES SHALL ANNUALLY INCLUDE IN THE ORDINANCE OF  
2 ESTIMATES SUBMITTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO FUND THE  
3 DIRECTOR’S COMPENSATION AND NECESSARY EXPENSES.

4 (3) THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR THE DIRECTOR’S COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES  
5 SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO AND MAY NOT SUPPLANT, BE DEDUCTED FROM, OR SERVE AS  
6 A BASIS FOR REDUCING ANY PART OF THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

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