

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 19-0472  
(First Reader)**

---

Introduced by: Councilmember Sneed, President Scott, Councilmembers Dorsey, Burnett,  
Henry, Clarke, Stokes, Cohen

Introduced and read first time: December 2, 2019

Assigned to: Education and Youth Committee

---

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Baltimore City Public School System,  
Fire Department, Police Department, Health Department, Baltimore City State's Attorney's  
Office, Department of Social Services, Department of Housing and Community Development,  
Enoch Pratt Free Library, Department of Public Works, Department of Transportation,  
Department of Planning, Department of Finance, Office of the Comptroller, Mayor's Office of  
Children and Family Success

---

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Young Adult Advisory Commission**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Young Adult Advisory Commission; providing for the  
4 Commission's composition, terms of office, officers, meetings, quorum, and rules of  
5 procedure; establishing the duties of the Young Adult Advisory Commission; and generally  
6 relating to the Young Adult Advisory Commission.

7 BY adding

8 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

9 Sections 57-1 to 57-5, to be under the new subtitle,

10 "Subtitle 57. Young Adult Advisory Commission"

11 Baltimore City Code

12 (Edition 2000)

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

15 **Baltimore City Code**

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

17 **SUBTITLE 57. YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY COMMISSION**

18 **§ 57-1. DEFINITIONS.**

19 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

20 IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

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

**Council Bill 19-0472**

1 (B) *COMMISSION.*

2 “COMMISSION” MEANS THE YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY COMMISSION.

3 (C) *YOUNG ADULT.*

4 “YOUNG ADULT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL BETWEEN 26 AND 39 YEARS OF AGE, INCLUSIVE.

5 **§ 57-2. PURPOSE.**

6 IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION TO:

7 (1) ADVISE THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND CITY AGENCIES ON POLICIES, PROGRAMS,  
8 AND SERVICES AFFECTING YOUNG ADULTS;

9 (2) DEVELOP INITIATIVES TO KEEP YOUNG ADULTS AS CITY RESIDENTS AND ATTRACT  
10 MORE YOUNG ADULTS TO THE CITY;

11 (3) CONNECT YOUNG ADULTS TO BUSINESS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CITY;  
12 AND

13 (4) CREATE A MENTORSHIP MODEL TO DEVELOP YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP ACROSS  
14 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

15 **§ 57-3. COMMISSION ESTABLISHED.**

16 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

17 THERE IS A BALTIMORE CITY YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY COMMISSION.

18 (B) *COMPOSITION.*

19 (1) *IN GENERAL.*

20 THE COMMISSION COMPRISES 17 VOTING MEMBERS AND 15 NON-VOTING MEMBERS.

21 (2) *VOTING MEMBERS.*

22 VOTING MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY  
23 CHARTER ARTICLE IV, § 6, AS FOLLOWS:

24 (I) 1 MEMBER FROM EACH OF THE 14 COUNCIL DISTRICTS, WITH EACH  
25 COUNCILMEMBER RECOMMENDING 1 MEMBER FROM THEIR DISTRICT;

26 (II) 1 AT-LARGE MEMBER CHOSEN BY THE MAYOR;

27 (III) 1 AT-LARGE MEMBER RECOMMENDED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY  
28 COUNCIL; AND

29 (IV) 1 AT-LARGE MEMBER RECOMMENDED BY THE COMPTROLLER.

**Council Bill 19-0472**

1           (3) *NON-VOTING MEMBERS.*

2                   1 NON-VOTING MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES:

- 3                   (I) THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM;
- 4                   (II) THE BALTIMORE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT;
- 5                   (III) THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT;
- 6                   (IV) THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT;
- 7                   (V) THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES;
- 8                   (VI) THE OFFICE OF THE STATE’S ATTORNEY FOR BALTIMORE CITY;
- 9                   (VII) THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY  
10                   DEVELOPMENT;
- 11                   (VIII) THE ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY OF BALTIMORE CITY;
- 12                   (IX) THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS;
- 13                   (X) THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;
- 14                   (XI) THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING; AND
- 15                   (XII) THE BALTIMORE CITY BUREAU OF THE BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT  
16                   RESEARCH.

17           (4) *OTHER NON-VOTING MEMBERS.*

18                   THE REMAINING 3 NON-VOTING MEMBERS ARE:

- 19                   (I) THE MAYOR OR THE MAYOR’S DESIGNEE;
- 20                   (II) THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OR THE PRESIDENT’S DESIGNEE; AND
- 21                   (III) THE COMPTROLLER OR THE COMPTROLLER’S DESIGNEE.

22           (C) *QUALIFICATIONS.*

23                   EACH VOTING MEMBER MUST BE:

- 24                   (1) A YOUNG ADULT;
- 25                   (2) A BALTIMORE CITY RESIDENT; AND
- 26                   (3) A REGISTERED VOTER.

**Council Bill 19-0472**

1 **§ 57-4. TERMS, ORGANIZATION, MEETINGS, ETC.**

2 (A) *TERMS.*

3 (1) ALL MEMBER'S TERMS EXPIRE AT THE END OF THE MAYOR'S TERM.

4 (2) AT THE END OF A TERM, EACH MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS  
5 APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

6 (B) *COMPENSATION; EXPENSES.*

7 THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION:

8 (1) SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION; BUT

9 (2) ARE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE  
10 PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES, AS PROVIDED IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

11 (C) *COMMITTEES.*

12 (1) *IN GENERAL.*

13 THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AND APPOINT  
14 COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM AMONG THE COMMISSION'S VOTING MEMBERS:

15 (I) PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH;

16 (II) BUDGET, FINANCE, AND TAXATION;

17 (III) COMMERCE, TRANSPORTATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;

18 (IV) ARTS, CULTURE, AND RECREATION; AND

19 (V) EDUCATION, LABOR, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

20 (2) *TERMS.*

21 EACH COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE A TERM OF 4 YEARS.

22 (3) *COMMITTEE STUDIES.*

23 WITHIN THE FIRST 3 MONTHS OF EACH YEAR, EACH COMMITTEE SHALL DEVELOP  
24 SPECIFIC PRIORITIES FOR STUDY FOR THAT YEAR.

25 (4) *ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS.*

26 EACH COMMITTEE SHALL SHARE WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AN ANNUAL  
27 REPORT REGARDING THE PRIORITIES THAT WERE STUDIED IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, AND  
28 THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE ON THOSE TOPICS.

**Council Bill 19-0472**

1 (D) *OFFICERS.*

2 (1) THE MAYOR SHALL DESIGNATE A VOTING MEMBER TO SERVE AS COMMISSION CHAIR.

3 (2) THE COMMISSION CHAIR SHALL APPOINT THE CHAIR FOR EACH COMMITTEE.

4 (E) *MEETINGS; QUORUM.*

5 (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR AS FREQUENTLY AS  
6 REQUIRED TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES, BUT AT LEAST 6 TIMES AND AT MOST 24 TIMES  
7 EACH YEAR.

8 (2) A MAJORITY OF THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION CONSTITUTES A QUORUM  
9 FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

10 (3) AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE BY THE MAJORITY OF A QUORUM IS NEEDED FOR ANY OFFICIAL  
11 ACTION.

12 (F) *RULES OF PROCEDURE.*

13 THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT RULES OF PROCEDURE TO GOVERN ITS MEETINGS AND  
14 OPERATIONS.

15 **§ 57-5. COMMISSION DUTIES.**

16 THE COMMISSION SHALL:

17 (1) IDENTIFY PRIORITIES OF YOUNG ADULTS AND WITHIN THE COMMITTEES STUDY HOW  
18 CITY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES CAN MEET THESE PRIORITIES;

19 (2) CREATE FORUMS FOR DISCUSSION WITH YOUNG ADULT CITY RESIDENTS RELATING TO  
20 COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE TOPICS;

21 (3) RESEARCH THE IMPACT YOUNG ADULTS HAVE ON THE ECONOMY AND PROMOTE THE  
22 IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT ECONOMIC GROWTH LED BY YOUNG  
23 ADULTS;

24 (4) ENGAGE YOUNG ADULTS IN COMBATING INEQUITY CITYWIDE;

25 (5) RECOMMEND PROGRAMS, POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND LEGISLATION THAT PROMOTE  
26 THE WELL-BEING OF YOUNG ADULTS AND THEIR FAMILIES;

27 (6) BUILD COALITIONS TO ADVOCATE FOR SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG ADULTS  
28 AND THEIR FAMILIES;

29 (7) WORK WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR TO EVALUATE AND STRENGTHEN  
30 PROGRAMMING THAT WILL ENHANCE YOUNG ADULT PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY  
31 AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND

**Council Bill 19-0472**

1 (8) DEVELOP A COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH NETWORK TO SHARE INFORMATION  
2 ABOUT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SERVICES TO YOUNG ADULTS.

3 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance  
4 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior  
5 Ordinance.

6 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
7 after the date it is enacted.