

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0412
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Pinkett, President Scott

Introduced and read first time: July 22, 2019

Assigned to: Judiciary Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of Real Estate, Department of Transportation, Fire Department, Department of General Services

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Property – Renaming Engine 52 Fire Station to**
3 **Hilton L. Roberts, Sr. Fire Station**

4 FOR the purpose of changing the name of Engine 52 Fire Station, located at 3525 Woodbrook
5 Avenue, to Hilton L. Roberts, Sr. Fire Station.

6 BY authority of

7 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement

8 Section 20-2

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

11 **Recitals**

12 Hilton L. Roberts, Sr., a career Baltimore City firefighter, was one of the first
13 African American firefighters in Baltimore City. In 1943, he joined the United
14 States Naval Service, and he was awarded the World War II Pacific Theater
15 Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon, and the Victory Medal. Ten years later he
16 returned to Baltimore and, along with seven others, graduated in the first class of
17 African Americans from the Baltimore City Fire Department Academy. He and
18 his fellow graduates were pioneers in this field of public service at a time when
19 they encountered danger, hostility, and racial turmoil. Helping others was his
20 calling, and firefighting was the vehicle by which he touched many lives.

21 Committed to being a positive role model in the community, he coordinated
22 neighborhood fireworks displays so that parents and children could watch and
23 safely enjoy the celebration. In 1959, he received a commendation for heroism
24 from the Fire Department. His tireless work ethic, community spirit, and
25 dedication to the Fire Department influenced members of the community and his
26 family to seek employment in public service. Today one of his great-
27 granddaughters serves as a firefighter in the Baltimore City Fire Department. It
28 would be fitting to honor his service to Baltimore by naming Engine 52 Fire
29 Station the Hilton L. Roberts, Sr. Fire Station.

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

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1 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
2 name of Engine 52 Fire Station, located at 3525 Woodbrook Avenue, is changed to Hilton L.
3 Roberts, Sr. Fire Station.

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