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**CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE ____
Council Bill 08-0092**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Spector, Clarke, Holton, Henry, Kraft, Cole, D'Adamo,
President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers Welch, Conaway, Middleton, Reisinger
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AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Building Addresses – Placement

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2 FOR the purpose of requiring the address number of a building to be affixed or otherwise placed,
3 in a certain manner, at the rear of the building as well as at the front; increasing the penalty
4 for a violation of the laws governing building addresses; extending the time within which to
5 correct a violation; providing for alternative enforcement by environmental citation;
6 conforming, correcting, and clarifying related language; providing for a special effective
7 date; and generally relating to the numbering of houses and other buildings in the City of
8 Baltimore.

9 By renaming

10 Article 26 - Surveys, Streets, and Highways
11 Subtitle 6. House Numbers
12 to be
13 Subtitle 6. Building Address Numbers
14 Baltimore City Code
15 (Edition 2000)

16 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

17 Article 26 - Surveys, Streets, and Highways
18 Section(s) 6-3, 6-4, 6-7, and 6-9
19 Baltimore City Code
20 (Edition 2000)

21 By adding

22 Article 26 - Surveys, Streets, and Highways
23 Section(s) 6-9
24 Baltimore City Code
25 (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.
Underlined italics indicate matter added to the bill
by amendment after printing for third reading.

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1 By adding
2 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
3 Section(s) 40-14(e)(4b)
4 Baltimore City Code
5 (Edition 2000)

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

8 **Baltimore City Code**

9 **Article 26. Surveys, Streets, and Highways**

10 **Subtitle 6. [House] BUILDING ADDRESS NUMBERS**

11 **§ 6-3. Duty to affix numbers.**

12 (a) *Affixing to new buildings.*

13 The owner of any new house or other building shall affix or place on the premises, in the
14 manner prescribed in this subtitle, the correct number of [said] THAT house or other
15 building, as determined and fixed by the Department of Public Works [when the said
16 house or other building has been substantially completed].

17 (b) *Maintaining on all.*

18 The owner or occupant of any house or other building shall affix and shall at all times
19 [keep affixed] MAINTAIN on the premises the correct number of [said] THAT house or
20 [any] other building, as determined and fixed by the Department of Public Works.

21 **§ 6-4. Notice of noncompliance.**

22 (a) *Director to notify.*

23 [It shall be the duty of the Director of Public Works, when it shall be called to his
24 attention that] IF a house or other building [exists which] is FOUND TO BE without [a
25 correct number placed or affixed as] THE CORRECT NUMBERS prescribed by this subtitle,
26 THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL[: (1) to notify] GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE TO the
27 owner or occupant of [said] THE house or other building of the [absence of said number;]
28 DEFICIENCY and [(2) to further notify and designate to said owner or occupant the number
29 of said house or other building as determined and fixed by the Department of Public
30 Works] OF THE STEPS NECESSARY TO CORRECT IT.

31 (b) *Owner or occupant to comply.*

32 (1) [Said] THE owner or occupant shall place or affix [said] THE correct number of [said]
33 THE house or other building, as ordered by the Director of Public Works, within [10]
34 30 days [after] OF receiving [said] THE notice.

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1 (2) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE NOTICE IS SUBJECT TO ENFORCEMENT UNDER §§ 6-9
2 AND 6-10 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

3 **§ 6-7. [Arabic numerals; visibility] REQUIRED DISPLAY.**

4 The correct number of every house or other building:

5 (1) shall be displayed in Arabic numerals;

6 (2) shall consist of a number plate or other means of numbering satisfactory to the
7 Director of Public Works; and

8 (3) shall be affixed or otherwise placed:

9 (i) at the front entrance of [said] THE house or other building or the front entrance
10 to the premises on which [any such] THE house or other building is [erected]
11 LOCATED so [as to be] THAT THE NUMBER IS plainly visible and legible in
12 daytime from a point LOCATED 4 feet above the curb line [and located]
13 immediately in front of the [said front] entrance ON WHICH THE NUMBER IS
14 PLACED [of any such house or other building or the said front entrance to the
15 premises on which any such house or other building is erected]; AND

16 (ii) FOR A PROPERTY WHOSE REAR BORDERS AN ALLEY (AS DEFINED IN ZONING CODE §
17 1-108), AT THE REAR OF THE HOUSE OR OTHER BUILDING PROPERTY SO THAT
18 THE NUMBER IS PLAINLY VISIBLE AND LEGIBLE IN DAYTIME FROM A POINT
19 LOCATED 4 FEET ABOVE THE GRADE LEVEL OF THE ALLEY OR OTHER PROPERTY
20 IMMEDIATELY BEHIND THE STRUCTURE ON WHICH THE NUMBER IS PLACED.

21 **§ 6-9. ENFORCEMENT BY CITATION.**

22 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

23 IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER CIVIL OR CRIMINAL REMEDY OR ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE,
24 THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE ENFORCED BY ISSUANCE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL CITATION AS
25 AUTHORIZED BY CITY CODE ARTICLE 1, SUBTITLE 40 {"ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
26 BOARD"}.

27 (B) *PROCESS NOT EXCLUSIVE.*

28 THE ISSUANCE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL CITATION TO ENFORCE THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT
29 PRECLUDE PURSUING ANY OTHER CIVIL OR CRIMINAL REMEDY OR ENFORCEMENT ACTION
30 AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

31 **§ 6-10. [§ 6-9.] Penalties.**

32 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

33 Any [owner or occupant failing to comply with or violating] PERSON WHO VIOLATES any
34 [of the provisions] PROVISION of this subtitle [shall be] IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
35 AND, ON CONVICTION, subject to a fine of not more than [\$10] \$500 for each offense [and

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1 to an additional fine of \$10 for every day that such noncompliance or violation shall
2 continue].

3 (B) *EACH DAY A SEPARATE OFFENSE.*

4 EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

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

6 **Subtitle 40. Environmental Control Board**

7 **§ 40-14. Violations to which subtitle applies.**

8 (e) *Provisions and penalties enumerated.*

9 (4B) **ARTICLE 26. SURVEYS, STREETS, AND HIGHWAYS**

10 SUBTITLE 6. BUILDING NUMBERS \$25

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

14 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect ~~±20~~ 180 days
15 after it is enacted.

Certified as duly passed this _____ day of _____, 20____

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,

this _____ day of _____, 20____

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20____

Mayor, Baltimore City