

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 07-0839**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Young, D’Adamo, Kraft, Middleton, Mitchell, Holton, Welch,  
Crider, Clarke

Introduced and read first time: October 29, 2007

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: November 26, 2007

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**1 City Property – Renaming the Old Town Fire Station to the**  
**2 Chief Thomas J. Burke Fire Station**

3 FOR the purpose of changing the name of the Old Town Fire Station, located at 1100 Hillen  
4 Street, to the Chief Thomas J. Burke Fire Station.

5 BY authority of

6 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement

7 Section 20-2

8 Baltimore City Code

9 (Edition 2000)

**10 Recitals**

11 Thomas J. Burke, Chief of the Fire Department from 1972 until his retirement in  
12 1980, served the City of Baltimore with distinction and honor. A native  
13 Baltimorean, in 1947, he was appointed to the Fire Department and assigned to  
14 Engine 46. He steadily rose through the ranks, earning promotions to Lieutenant,  
15 in 1954, to Captain, in 1956, to Battalion Chief, in 1967, and to Deputy Fire  
16 Chief, in 1971.

17 During his tenure with the Fire Department, he won plaudits from elected officials  
18 and community associations and won the respect and admiration of Department  
19 members. He worked hard to upgrade the Department’s fleet of apparatus and  
20 protective equipment, to improve training, and to institute safety and health  
21 programs for fire fighters.

22 During his career, Chief Burke won 3 commendations for bravery. Considered a  
23 national expert on fire prevention and code enforcement, he re-wrote fire codes in  
24 the City and instituted early fire prevention programs that served as templates for  
25 similar efforts across the nation. His innovations and commitment to fire safety  
26 and prevention are an enduring legacy that continues to this day.

**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.

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1       **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
2 name of the Old Town Fire Station, located at 1100 Hillen Street, is changed to the Chief  
3 Thomas J. Burke Fire Station.

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

Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City