

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0359
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke, President Young, Councilmembers Bullock, Stokes,
Sneed, Dorsey, Cohen, Pinkett, Henry, Scott, Reisinger, Middleton, Burnett

Introduced and read first time: March 25, 2019

Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Recreation and Parks,
Department of Planning, Department of Public Works, Department of Transportation,
Department of Housing and Community Development

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Open-Space Zoning Districts – Tree Canopy Preservation**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the approval of the Forestry Division of the Department of
4 Recreation and Parks prior to any tree removal on certain properties within a Baltimore City
5 Open-Space Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

6 BY adding

7 Article 32 - Zoning
8 Section 7-204(h)
9 Baltimore City Code
10 (Edition 2000)

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

13 **Baltimore City Code**

14 **Article 32. Zoning**

15 **Title 7. Open-Space and Environmental Districts**

16 ***SUBTITLE 2***
17 ***OPEN-SPACE ZONING DISTRICTS***

18 **§ 7-204. Other applicable standards.**

19 (H) *TREE CANOPY PRESERVATION.*

20 (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, A TREE MAY NOT BE
21 REMOVED FROM A PRIVATELY-OWNED PROPERTY WITHIN AN OPEN-SPACE ZONING
22 DISTRICT WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE FORESTRY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT
23 OF RECREATION AND PARKS.

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

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1 (2) THE FORESTRY DIVISION MAY ONLY APPROVE OF THE REMOVAL OF A HEALTHY TREE
2 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IF THE DIVISION FINDS THAT THE REMOVAL WOULD NOT
3 SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT THE CITY’S TREE CANOPY.

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

7 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect when it is
8 enacted.