

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 05-0256**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Mitchell, Kraft, Curran, Conaway
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AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Street Entertainers – Licensing

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2 FOR the purpose of modifying the number and composition of members on the Board of License
3 for Street Entertainers; adding additional examples to the list of entertainers subject to the
4 law; abolishing the requirement for an annual license fee; correcting certain typographical
5 errors; and generally relating to the licensing and regulation of street entertainers.

6 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments
7 Article 15 - Licensing and Regulation
8 Section(s) 15-1(g), 15-4(b), 15-12(b), 15-13, and 15-14(b) and (d)
9 Baltimore City Code
10 (Edition 2000)

11 BY repealing
12 Article 15 - Licensing and Regulation
13 Section(s) 15-1(c)
14 Baltimore City Code
15 (Edition 2000)

16 BY adding
17 Article 15 - Licensing and Regulation
18 Section(s) 15-15
19 Baltimore City Code
20 (Edition 2000)

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

23 **Baltimore City Code**

24 **Article 15. Licensing and Regulation**

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.

- 1 (viii) sword swallower;
- 2 (ix) dancer;
- 3 (X) POET;
- 4 (XII) PERFORMANCE ARTIST; or
- 5 (XIII) [(x)] comedian.

6 **§ 15-4. Board of Licenses established.**

7 (b) *Composition.*

8 The Board comprises the following [9] 7 members:

9 (1) [4] 5 4 members appointed by the Mayor in accordance with City Charter
10 Article IV, §6; AND

11 (2) 2 members appointed by the President of the City Council; and

12 (3) ~~the following or their respective designees:~~

13 (i) the Director of the Community Relations Commission OR THE DIRECTOR'S
14 DESIGNEE;

15 (ii) the Director of Finance; and

16 (iii) the Commissioner of Housing and Community Development].

17 **§ 15-12. Applications.**

18 (b) *Application fee.*

19 The application must be accompanied by a ONE-TIME, non-refundable application fee of
20 \$25, to cover the cost of investigating and processing the application.

21 **[§ 15-13. Annual fee.**

22 (a) *In general.*

23 The annual fee for a license is as follows:

24 (1) in the downtown area – \$75.

25 (2) in all other areas – \$50.

26 (b) *Proration.*

27 If the license is issued after June 30 of any calendar year, the initial license fee is ½ the
28 annual fee.]

1 **§ 15-13. TERM, RENEWAL, FEES.**

2 (A) *TERM.*

3 UNLESS RENEWED, A LICENSE EXPIRES ON THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF ITS EFFECTIVE DATE.

4 (B) *RENEWAL.*

5 BEFORE A LICENSE EXPIRES, A LICENSEE MAY RENEW IT FOR AN ADDITIONAL 1-YEAR
6 TERM, IF THE LICENSEE SUBMITS TO THE BOARD A RENEWAL APPLICATION IN THE FORM
7 THE BOARD REQUIRES.

8 (C) *FEES.*

9 (1) EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, NO FEE MAY BE
10 IMPOSED FOR THE TIMELY RENEWAL OF A LICENSE.

11 (2) IF A LICENSEE SEEKS TO MODIFY THE TERMS OF HER OR HIS LICENSE (E.G., LOCATION
12 OR TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT), THE RENEWAL APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY
13 A ONE-TIME, NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE OF \$25.

14 **§ 15-14. Entertainer identification.**

15 (b) *Form and contents.*

16 The identification badge:

17 (1) shall be of laminated plastic or other durable substance; and

18 (2) shall bear:

19 (i) the name and address of the licensee;

20 (ii) the type of entertainment for which the license is issued;

21 (iii) the location or area for which the license is issued;

22 (iv) the days or times to which the license is limited;

23 (v) the year for which the license is issued; and

24 (vi) an identifying number [the] THAT corresponds with the number of the
25 license.

26 (d) *Replacement badges.*

27 If a badge is lost, the [director] BOARD shall issue a replacement badge on payment by
28 the licensee of a \$10 fee.

1 **§ 15-15. BOPA TO ASSIST.**

2 THE BALTIMORE OFFICE OF PROMOTION AND THE ARTS SHALL ASSIST THE BOARD BY:

3 (1) ADVERTISING AND PROMOTING THE AVAILABILITY OF LICENSES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;
4 AND

5 (2) DISTRIBUTING TO LICENSEES THE LICENSES AND BADGES ISSUED UNDER THIS
6 SUBTITLE.

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

10 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
11 after the date it is enacted.

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

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,
this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City