

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 13-0249

Introduced by: President Young, Councilmembers Henry, Holton, Spector, Reisinger, Scott,
Clarke, Middleton, Cole, Kraft, Stokes, Branch, Welch, Curran

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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

Committee Report: Favorable with an amendment

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: November 4, 201

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Ethics – Lobbying Registration Fees

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2 FOR the purpose of setting the filing fee for lobbying registration forms at \$100; clarifying and
3 conforming related provisions; and generally relating to lobbying registration.

4 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

5 Article 8 - Ethics
6 Section(s) 3-23
7 Baltimore City Code
8 (Edition 2000)

9 BY adding

10 Article 8 - Ethics
11 Section(s) 8-14
12 Baltimore City Code
13 (Edition 2000)

14 BY renumbering

15 Article 8 - Ethics
16 Section(s) 8-14
17 to be
18 Section(s) 8-15
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 style="text-align:center">**Baltimore City Code**

24 style="text-align:center">**Article 8. Ethics**

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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Subtitle 3. Administration

§ 3-23. Filing fees.

(a) *In general.*

[(1)] Except as OTHERWISE specified [in paragraph (2) of this subsection] IN THIS ARTICLE, the Ethics Board may charge reasonable filing fees for statements, reports, and other documents filed under this article.

(B) *NO FEES FOR TIMELY FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORMS.*

[(2)] The Board may not charge a fee for a disclosure statement timely filed under Subtitle 7 {"Financial Disclosure"} of this article.

[(b)] (C) *Late fees.*

The fees charged may include late fees for any document that is filed after the applicable deadline.

Subtitle 8. Lobbying

§ 8-14. REGISTRATION FILING FEE.

EACH LOBBYING REGISTRATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FILING FEE OF \$100. THIS FEE SHALL BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY FEE POLICY AND AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES.

[§ 8-14.] § 8-15. Termination of registration.

(a) *Automatic termination.*

Unless sooner terminated under subsection (b) of this section, each registration terminates on the earlier of:

(1) the December 31 that first follows the registration's filing; or

(2) the date specified in a written authorization filed under § 8-11 {"Employer authorization required"} of this subtitle.

(b) *Termination by lobbyist.*

A lobbyist may terminate the registration as of an earlier date than that specified in subsection (a) of this section if the lobbyist:

(1) ceases all activity that requires registration;

(2) after ceasing all activity, files a notice of termination with the Ethics Board; and

(3) within 30 days after filing the notice, files all reports required by this subtitle.

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1 (c) *Required termination on appointment as public servant.*

2 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if a lobbyist is or becomes
3 subject to regulation under this article as a public servant, the lobbyist must:

4 (i) immediately cease all activity that requires registration; and

5 (ii) terminate his or her registration in accordance with subsection (b) of this
6 section within 30 days of becoming a public servant:

7 (A) file a notice of termination with the Ethics Board; and

8 (B) file all reports required by this subtitle.

9 (2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not apply to a lobbyist appointed to an advisory
10 body of limited duration.

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 on the 30th day
15 after the date 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