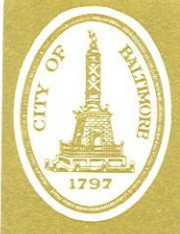


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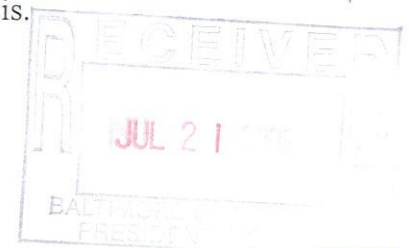
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 09-0345 introduced by Council Members Henry, Clarke, Cole, Kraft, and President Rawlings Blake.

The purpose of the Bill is to merge the Public Safety Conservation Area Advisory Board and the Baltimore Urban Lighting Board (BULB) into a new, reconstituted board; revive the Public Safety Conservation Area Program; correct, clarify, and conform related provisions; and generally relating to promoting a crime-free environment in neighborhoods.

Resolution 01-17 established the Baltimore Urban Lighting Board (BULB) to provide a forum that would insure adequate lighting in residential neighborhoods, promote citizen safety, discourage criminal activity, attract businesses, employ the latest technology to achieve acceptable lighting levels at the most reasonable cost, and protect residences from excessive light spillover. BULB is comprised of 11 members, two of whom are Council members appointed by the Council President, and nine members appointed by the Mayor representing the Mayor's Office (1), residents of the City (2), the business community (2), the Department of Public Works (1), the Police Department (1), the Department of Housing and Community Development (1), and the Department of Planning (1).

Article 14 {Special Benefits Districts} Subtitle 16 of the Baltimore City Code (Edition 2000) provides for the designation of Public Safety Conservation Areas that promote a crime-free environment for neighborhoods by a Public Safety Conservation Area Advisory Board. The Board is composed of the following or their designees: Police Commissioner, Director of Recreation and Parks, Commissioner of Housing and Community Development, Director of Public Works, Director of the Mayor's Coordinating Council on Criminal Justice, Chair of the City Council's Policy and Planning Committee (ex officio), member of the Property Owners' Association, and three citizens appointed by the Mayor. Neighborhood groups or associations may apply to this Board for a Public Conservation Area designation provided certain conditions are met: 60% of residents agree to participate; private lighting is provided at the front and rear of private properties; and tree foliage is trimmed to provide the greatest possible lighting. If an area is designated, the City Forester trims publicly owned trees to increase street lighting intensity, and street lighting is upgraded on a priority basis.

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City Council Bill 09-0345, if approved, would amend Subtitle 16 by merging the activities of the Public Safety Conservation Area Board with BULB, making BULB the new board that would consider applications from neighborhoods to participate in a Public Safety Conservation Area program. The qualifications neighborhoods would have to meet to participate in the Public Safety Conservation Area program would remain essentially the same as currently required by Code. The composition of BULB would be 18 members, with 11 members appointed by the Mayor, one representing the Property Owners' Association and one representing the Greater Baltimore Committee; one Council member appointed by the Council President; and the following or their designee: Police Commissioner, Director of Recreation and Parks; Commissioner of Housing and Community Development; Director of Transportation; the Director of Planning; and the Director of the Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice.

The Department of Transportation would replace the Department of Public Works as a member of the reconstituted BULB. The Department of Public Works finds this change to be reasonable and acceptable, as the Department of Transportation now has responsibility for street lighting and conduits.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 09-0345.



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