

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 11-0782
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Conaway, Branch, Holton, President Young, Councilmembers
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Introduced and read first time: September 19, 2011

Assigned to: Recreation and Parks Subcommittee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Recreation and Parks

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Parks – Amateur Sports Practice**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the establishment of a program that allows non-profit, amateur
4 sports teams to use City parks for practices; providing for the adoption of rules and
5 regulations to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of participants and others and to
6 safeguard park property; and generally relating to City parks and recreation.

7 BY adding

8 Article 7 - Natural Resources
9 Section(s) 51-4
10 Baltimore City Code
11 (Edition 2000)

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

14 **Baltimore City Code**

15 **Article 7. Natural Resources**

16 **Subtitle 51. Department Jurisdiction**

17 **§ 51-4. PARK USE FOR AMATEUR SPORTS PRACTICE.**

18 (A) *DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH PROGRAM.*

19 THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A
20 CITYWIDE PROGRAM BY WHICH NON-PROFIT AMATEUR SPORTS TEAMS MAY USE CITY
21 PARKS FOR PRACTICE DURING DAYTIME AND EVENING HOURS.

22 (B) *RULES AND REGULATIONS.*

23 (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THIS
24 PROGRAM.

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

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1 (2) THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE:

2 (I) CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY OF SPORTS TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM;

3 (II) MEASURES NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY,
4 AND WELFARE OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS, OTHER PARK USERS, AND THE
5 GENERAL PUBLIC;

6 (III) MEASURES NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO PROTECT PARK PROPERTY FROM
7 DAMAGE OR TO PREVENT THE ACCUMULATION OF LITTER, TRASH, GARBAGE,
8 OR OTHER WASTE; AND

9 (IV) ANY OTHER MEASURES THAT THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES TO CARRY OUT THIS
10 PROGRAM.

11 (3) A COPY OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT
12 OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BEFORE THEY BECOME EFFECTIVE.

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

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