

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 07-0249R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Harris, Curran, Holton, Kraft, Reisinger, Mitchell, Conaway
Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2007
Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Police Commissioner

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

**Baltimore City Police Department – Overtime Budget Expenditures –
Quarterly Detailed Reports**

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4 FOR the purpose of requesting the Baltimore Police Commissioner to submit quarterly detailed
5 reports to the City Council on actual and anticipated overtime expenditures for police
6 personnel and to submit the information by number of personnel, district deployment, and
7 type of duty assignment.

8 **Recitals**

9 Newspaper leads of **November 2000**: the Police Department is projecting a \$10 million
10 deficit for the year brought on by overtime costs....; **February 2001**: the Police Department is
11 projected to be \$15.9 million over budget this year, most of that because of overtime costs;
12 **February 2002**: ...overtime costs in the police and fire departments are running millions of
13 dollars over budget, contributing to a projected \$8.9 million general fund shortfall...; **February**
14 **2003**: Largely because of overtime costs, the Baltimore Police Department expects to exceed its
15 budget by \$14.3 million.....

16 And continuing, **February 2004**: The Police Department will exceed its budget by \$9.8
17 million...mainly due to overtime; **May 2004**: budget was overspent by about \$9 million, mostly
18 due to overtime; **June 2005**: the Baltimore Police Department's overtime budget for fiscal year
19 2005 is \$7.4 million, by June 30, the department is projected to have spent \$18.2 million for
20 overtime; **May 2006**: the Baltimore Police Department needs more money to cover
21 overspending...\$13.4 million, mostly for overtime; **January 2007**: so far this fiscal year, the
22 department has spent \$21 million on overtime, significantly more than the \$8.7 million budgeted
23 to last through June.....

24 Reports of police overtime spending each budget season follow like night follows day and
25 come as no surprise to Baltimore's taxpaying public, news reporters, or elected officials.
26 Unfortunately, those responsible for preparing and implementing the Police Department budget
27 have not shown a similar prescience.

28 The Police Department must be held accountable for how taxpayers' hard-earned dollars are
29 being spent. Every person in our City appreciates the selfless efforts of our men and women in
30 blue; however the Department administration's duty to protect and serve extends to the fiscal
31 well-being of the City as well.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
2 Baltimore Police Commissioner is requested to submit quarterly detailed reports to the City
3 Council on actual and anticipated overtime expenditures for police personnel and to submit the
4 information by number of personnel, district deployment, and type of duty assignment.

5 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
6 Baltimore Police Commissioner, Chief, Police Department Administrative Division, the Director
7 of Finance, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.