

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Office of Sustainability)

Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference

Date: January 30, 2019

Referred to: **JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS** Committee

Also referred for recommendation and report to municipal agencies listed on reverse.

CITY COUNCIL 19-0332

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan

FOR the purpose of adopting a new Sustainability Plan for Baltimore City; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to all elements of sustainability, including air quality, water quality, resource conservation and recycling, energy, public health, environmental justice, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of transportation.

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Agencies

- Baltimore City Public School System
- Baltimore Development Corporation
- City Solicitor
- Comptroller's Office
- Department of Audits
- Department of Finance
- Department of General Services
- Department of Housing and Community Development
- Department of Human Resources
- Department of Planning
- Other: *Office of Sustainability*
- Other:
- Other:
- Board of Estimates
- Board of Ethics
- Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals
- Comm. for Historical and Architectural Preservation
- Commission on Sustainability
- Employees' Retirement System
- Other:
- Other:
- Other:
- Environmental Control Board
- Fire & Police Employees' Retirement System
- Labor Commissioner
- Parking Authority Board
- Planning Commission
- Wage Commission
- Other:
- Other:
- Other:
- Department of Public Works
- Department of Real Estate
- Department of Recreation and Parks
- Department of Transportation
- Fire Department
- Health Department
- Mayor's Office of Employment Development
- Mayor's Office of Human Services
- Mayor's Office of Information Technology
- Office of the Mayor
- Police Department
- Other:
- Other:

Boards and Commissions

- Board of Estimates
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CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE **19-242**
Council Bill 19-0332

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Office of Sustainability)
Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019
Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

Committee Report: Favorable
Council action: Adopted, with a Floor Amendment
Read second time: March 11, 2019

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan

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2 FOR the purpose of adopting a new Sustainability Plan for Baltimore City; providing for a special
3 effective date; and generally relating to all elements of sustainability, including air quality,
4 water quality, resource conservation and recycling, energy, public health, environmental
5 justice, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of
6 transportation.

7 **Recitals**

8 Article 5, § 34-4 of the Baltimore City Code requires that the Commission on
9 Sustainability prepare a Comprehensive Sustainability Plan and, from time to
10 time, recommend appropriate amendments to it.

11 Article 5, § 34-5 of the Baltimore City Code requires, among other things, that the
12 Commission's Comprehensive Sustainability Plan discuss all elements of
13 sustainability, including air quality, water quality, resource conservation and
14 recycling, energy, public health, environmental justice, reduction of greenhouse
15 gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of transportation. The
16 Plan is also to establish 3-, 5-, and 10-year sustainability targets.

17 The City of Baltimore last adopted a comprehensive sustainability plan by
18 Ordinance 09-141, effective March 12, 2009.

19 The Commission of Sustainability, assisted by the Office of Sustainability in the
20 Department of Planning, has prepared a new comprehensive sustainability plan for
21 the City. To become effective, it must be approved by an Ordinance of the Mayor
22 and City Council.

23 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the**
24 **Baltimore City Sustainability Plan, dated February 4, 2019, its strategies, actions, and measures**
25 **of success, are approved, with the following amendment:**

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.

Council Bill 19-0332

1 In the 2019 Baltimore Sustainability Plan, on page 48, in 2. Expand Baltimore's Waste to
2 Wealth Initiative. Action 1: after "to", insert "reduce food waste by 50% by 2030 and.

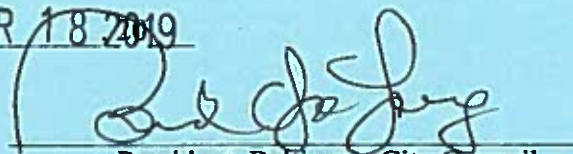
3 The Sustainability Plan, as approved, shall be incorporated into the City's Comprehensive
4 Master Plan as an appendix.

5 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the Sustainability Commission annually
6 shall review and submit a written report to the City Council on the state of the Sustainability
7 Plan's implementation, goal achievements, and other effects, and recommend any amendments
8 to the Plan that the Commission finds necessary or appropriate.

9 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That after enactment of this Ordinance, a copy
10 of it and of the Sustainability Plan adopted by it be sent to the Mayor, Mayor's Office of
11 Employment Development, Department of Finance, Health Department, Baltimore City Heritage
12 Area, Baltimore Housing (Department of Housing and Community Development/Housing
13 Authority of Baltimore City), Law Department, Department of Legislative Reference, Mayor's
14 Office of Minority Business Development, Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods, Department of
15 Planning, Police Department, Department of Public Works, Department of Recreation and Parks,
16 the Department of Transportation, the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities, the Enoch Pratt Free
17 Library System, the Baltimore City Public School System, and the Board of Municipal and
18 Zoning Appeals.

19 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
20 enacted.

Certified as duly passed this _____ day of MAR 18 2019



President, Baltimore City Council

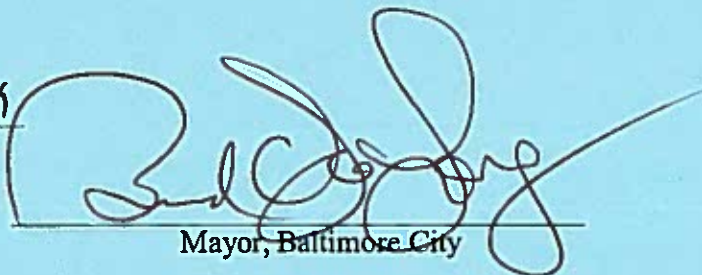
Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,

this _____ day of MAR 18 2019



Chief Clerk

Approved this 22nd day of April, 2019



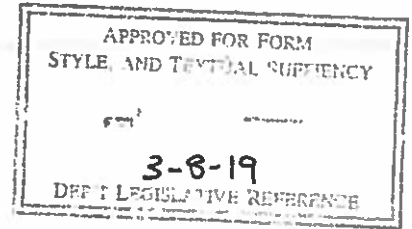
Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved For Form and Legal Sufficiency
This 17th Day of April 2019



Sustainability Plan/cb19-0332-3rd/abr

AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL BILL 19-0332
(1st Reader Copy)



By: Councilmember Clarke
{To be offered on the Council Floor}

ADOPTED

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, in line 26, before the period, insert “, with the following amendment:

In the 2019 Baltimore Sustainability Plan, on page 48, in 2. Expand Baltimore’s Waste to Wealth Initiative. *Action 1*: after “to”, insert “reduce food waste by 50% by 2030 and”.

**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
VOTING RECORD**

BILL#: CC-19-0332

DATE: 3/5/19

TITLE: The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan

MOTION BY: Clarke

SECONDED BY: Scott

FAVORABLE

FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS



UNFAVORABLE

WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

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CHAIRPERSON: C. F. Curran

COMMITTEE STAFF: Matthew L. Peters, Initials: MLP

F R O M	Name & Title	Steve Sharkey, Director 	CITY OF BALTIMORE MEMO	
	Agency Name & Address	Department of General Services 200 Holliday Street, Suite 800 Baltimore, Maryland 21202		
	Subject	SUPPORT – City Council Bill #19-0332 The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan		

TO: The Honorable President and Members of the City Council **DATE:** March 4, 2019
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: Support – City Council Bill #19-0332 The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan

Dear President Young and Members of the City Council:

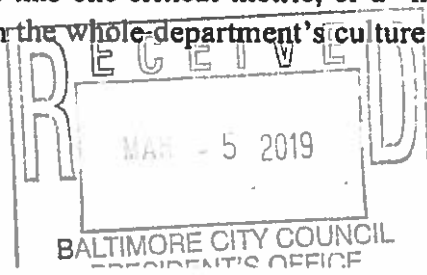
The Department of General Services reviewed City Council Bill #19-0332 The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan which seeks to adopt a new Sustainability Plan for Baltimore City; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to all elements of sustainability, including air quality, water quality, resource conservation and recycling, energy, public health, environmental justice, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of transportation. The department **SUPPORTS** CCB19-0332.

As the Baltimore Office of Sustainability mentioned in their response to CCB19-0332, the 2019 Sustainability Plan uses an equity lens to focus on the experiences that have been historically harmful to some of our residents, and to broaden the scope of voices represented in the plan, inclusive not only of race but also gender, age, neighborhood, and employment status.

The Sustainability Plan is part of the USA Sustainable Cities Initiative (USA-SCI), Baltimore was selected to be one of three U.S. cities to pilot localizing the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Sustainable Development Goals are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

DGS believes that it can help be a part of this call to action. In reviewing the proposed plan, the department acknowledges the hard work ahead for our agency, the city as a whole, and the business, non-profit, and communities partners it will take to make this plan a reality. However, the department is already taking substantial steps to lead this effort. DGS's offices of Business Process Improvement and Fiscal and Strategic Management have challenged the agency to become paperless by 2024. The Department will focus on this one critical metric, or a "keystone habit," which will create a change that will ripple through the whole department's culture. The transition

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to paperless will lead to an examination of inefficient processes within the department. Focusing on one, highly impactful habit can improve several routines — and the bottom line. This focus also falls squarely in-line with the goals of the Sustainability Plan and UN SDGs, because “the best way to prevent waste is by buying less, reusing what you have, and then recycling and composting, a concept known as ‘zero waste’.” By transitioning to paperless processes, DGS will buy less paper, streamline processes, and improve municipal services.

Similarly, as the Sustainability Plan describes “as we continue to strive for less waste, our thinking is shifting from waste as a liability to waste as an asset; a way to create good paying, local jobs tied to a workforce development pipeline,” DGS is using our paperless process improvement to establish pipelines to cultivate the next generation of civic-minded, tech-savvy, municipal employees. The total number of employees across the Department’s core divisions is over 300, with nearly 60% of these employees being retirement ready and/or retirement eligible. The department will increase the problem solving, performance management, analysis and operational capacity of the organization through a series of structured and targeted talent pipelines with partners and institutions centered around well documented business and public policy problems. This approach aims to create and maintain increased productivity and improved service delivery through a series of internship programs, consultancy capstones, academic credit programs, public-private partnership agreements and smaller contractual mechanisms built around well-defined and scoped business and policy problems.

As it relates to facilities maintenance and the City’s building infrastructure, DGS has been retrofitting municipal buildings with energy efficient LED lighting and using Metasys to track and review HVAC energy usage and trends. In time, DGS hopes to automate HVAC and electrical systems in buildings to track usage and control for surges to reduce costs. On way DGS currently does this is by asking each agency to turn off their lights when they leave the office for the evening.

The DGS Major Projects Division performs design and construction for the City. This division complies with the green building codes adopted by the city and engages the Office of Sustainability during the project kick-off and design phase.


The DGS Fleet Management Division manages and maintains the City’s vehicle and equipment fleet. Based on the results of a 2012 comprehensive study into the replacement of vehicles, the City determined that it was facing a replacement backlog—the value of assets which have reached or exceeded their useful life—of approximately \$125 million. In Fiscal 2014, in order to break away from this counterproductive condition, the City adopted a lease financing strategy, known as the Master Lease Program. The adoption of the Master Lease program has dramatically reduced the age of the City fleet. The major results of the Master Lease include a reduction of the Fleet backlog and substantial cost avoidance on maintenance and repair expenses. An aging fleet requires higher investment in maintenance and repair costs, is associated with higher fuel usage, experiences

substantially more breakdowns, which affects service delivery and requires a large reserve fleet for operations. Now City agencies have vehicles and equipment that are more reliable and available, to better provide the services to citizens.

In order to reduce petroleum consumption and increase the use of alternative vehicles and equipment in the city government fleet, DGS has added four electric vehicles to the city fleet and is exploring electric options for other city equipment.

DGS has conducted multiple rounds of engineering assessments to better quantify and qualify the agency's facilities capital replacement backlog. Though these assessments produce a stark picture of the significant capital investment required to bring the City's buildings out from critical status, the agency continues to explore opportunities to reduce or mitigate growing energy usage, and identify cost-savings initiatives through improvements to or replacements of energy-intensive systems.

The Department of General Services reviewed City Council Bill #19-0332 The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan. The department will continue its forward-thinking approach to municipal asset management and will work with the Baltimore City Office of Sustainability to approach building and vehicle infrastructure issues from an equity and global perspective. DGS SUPPORTS CCB19-0332 and requests that the bill be given favorable consideration by the City Council.

F R O M	Name & Title	Mary Beth Haller, Esq., <i>Interim</i> Commissioner	Health Department AGENCY REPORT	
	Agency Name & Address	Health Department 1001 E. Fayette Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202		
	Subject: Position:	CC #19-0332 FAVORABLE		

To: President and Members
of the City Council
c/o 409 City Hall

March 5, 2019

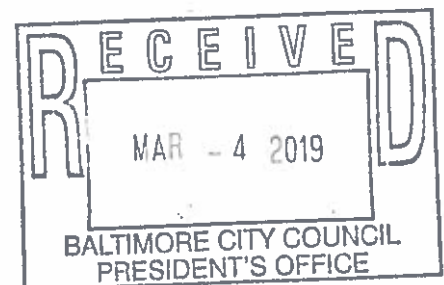
The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review City Council bill #19-0332, entitled "The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan." This legislation will adopt and integrate the 2019 Sustainability Plan into the City's Comprehensive Master Plan.


The 2019 Sustainability Plan incorporates a necessary equity lens and was developed using the STAR Community Rating System, a United Nations-recommended tool intended to gather and assimilate feedback from local communities. The Plan focuses on community preparedness, energy, greenhouse gas emissions, clean air, food systems, environmental literacy, and waste and recycling.

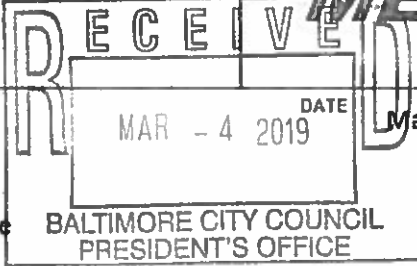
City Council bill #19-0332 will update Baltimore City's current Sustainability Plan, which has not been revised in 10 years. From an operations perspective, BCHD will be not be impacted as much of the plan calls for the continuation of current programming.

Acknowledging its many potential public health benefits, BCHD urges a favorable report on Council Bill #19-0332.

Favorable



FROM	NAME & TITLE	Rudolph S. Chow, P.E., Director	CITY of BALTIMORE	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Public Works 600 Abel Wolman Municipal Building		
	SUBJECT	Mayor and City Council Resolution 19-0332	MEMO	



TO _____ DATE March 4, 2019

TO Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

INTRODUCTION

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 19-0332 introduced by Council President Young on behalf of the Administration (Office of Sustainability).

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Bill is to adopt a new Sustainability Plan for Baltimore City; provide for a special effective date; and generally relating to all elements of sustainability, including air quality, water quality, resource conservation and recycling, energy, public health, environmental justice, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of transportation.

BRIEF HISTORY

Article 5 § 34-4 of the Baltimore City Code identifies the Commission on Sustainability as the City entity charged with the responsibility of developing a Comprehensive Sustainability Plan for the City of Baltimore and to revise and recommend amendments to the Plan to keep it current and relevant. Ordinance 09-141 was the last adopted Sustainability Plan, and City Council Bill 19-0332 would amend and update that Plan. The Plan provides a framework, or context, for all City plans and advancements going forward. It examines the sustainability challenges and opportunities of the City under the broad categories of Community, Human-made Systems, Climate and Resilience, Nature, and Economy. Furthermore, Baltimore is one of three U.S. cities selected to pilot implementation of new United Nations sustainable development goals which aspire to improve the human and environmental conditions around the world by 2030. The Plan also recognizes that addressing equity issues, both from a policy and community investment standpoint, must be part of any sustainability processes and decisions if we are to be truly successful.

FISCAL IMPACT

While the Sustainability Plan embodied in City Council Bill 19-0332 does not directly stimulate fiscal impacts, its guidance and goals will play a strong role in how the City and its agencies plan and invest currently and in the future.

- **Community:** Residents are looking for ways to improve their neighborhoods, expand the positive activities that make living in an urban environment exciting, and the support of government to help their communities thrive. Environmental educational opportunities, rethinking management of our multiple waste streams, and the new jobs that could result from these developing strategies are just a few of the highlights of this section of the Plan. Partnerships and collaborative efforts on the part of government will be needed to support these strategies.
- **Human-made Systems:** The built environment greatly influences the ways in which communities and people interact, determine where they live, how they access amenities and employment, their ability to traverse from place to place, and their opportunities for healthy environments and activities. Older cities such as Baltimore not only need to maintain existing systems and structures, but also must take into consideration the changing demographics and needs of its communities to envision, plan and deliver on those needs.
- **Climate and Resilience:** Climate change is a global concern, but local governments can play a strong role in educating and preparing communities to combat and minimize some of the risk factors that contribute to climate-

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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council

March 4, 2019

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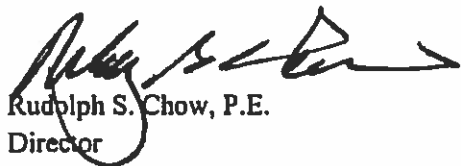
- driven vulnerabilities. Continuing development of renewable energy sources, assisting vulnerable residents and small businesses with energy efficiencies, and expanding the infrastructure that makes these opportunities possible, certainly require the actions of government to support in programs and policy initiatives.
- Nature: Baltimore's urban environment provides opportunities for access to large forested areas, stream valleys, recreational green spaces and of course, the harbor. Maintaining the health of these varied ecosystems, creating better connectivity to communities, and converting unused spaces into expanded green areas, require long-term investments in the City's above and below ground green and gray infrastructure to ensure a healthy future.
- Economy: The economy focus in this Plan encourages development of green job opportunities, guiding youth new to jobs and those seeking better employment, bringing economic change down to the community level, and supporting local businesses and entrepreneurs to be successful. This Department has found, through its support of the summer Youth Works program and in its partnerships to create the YH2O program and the Small Business Development Program, that meaningful careers and small local businesses can be equipped to succeed.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION

The Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 19-0332.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Marcia Collins at 410-396-1960 (Marcia.Collins@baltimorecity.gov).


Sincerely,



Rudolph S. Chow, P.E.
Director

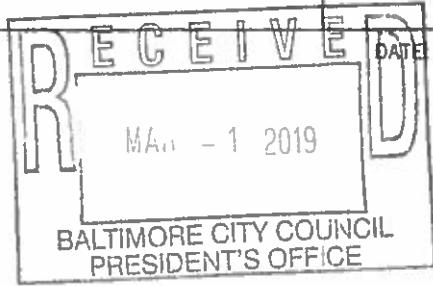
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FROM	NAME & TITLE	LISA MCNEILLY, Director, Office of Sustainability	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET, 8 th FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #19-0332 – The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan		

TO

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 North Holliday Street



March 1, 2019

The Office of Sustainability requested City Council Bill #19-0332 The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan for the purpose of adopting a new Sustainability Plan for Baltimore City; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to all elements of sustainability, including air quality, water quality, resource conservation and recycling, energy, public health, environmental justice, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of transportation.

The Baltimore Office of Sustainability was created by City Council in 2007 to be a resource, a catalyst, and an advocate for a healthy, resilient Baltimore. The Office offers innovative, sustainable solutions to Baltimore's opportunities and challenges while engaging people throughout the city, region, and country. The Baltimore Commission on Sustainability, comprising 20 members appointed by the Mayor and one City Council member appointed by the City Council President, oversees the Sustainability Plan, monitoring and reporting progress annually.

The 2019 Sustainability Plan update represents a step forward for the City. The Plan uses an equity lens, a transformative tool to improve planning, decision-making, and resource allocation leading to more racially equitable policies and programs. The equity lens focuses on the experiences that have been historically harmful to some of our residents, and broadens the scope of voices represented in the plan, inclusive not only of race but also gender, age, neighborhood, and employment status. It helped include those who have typically been left out of conversations in and about the American sustainability movement. The equity lens was used in framing issues and in crafting strategies, actions, and measures of success. It will also be used in evaluating impact.

The framework is based on the STAR Community Rating System. Using this framework as a basis, and incorporating feedback gathered from residents, the Sustainability Plan includes new topics, more intentionally addressing all three legs of sustainability: people, planet and prosperity.

Further, the Plan is globally inspired. As part of the USA Sustainable Cities Initiative (USA-SCI), Baltimore was selected to be one of three U.S. cities to pilot localizing the

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Sustainable Development Goals, the ambitious vision adopted by the United Nations (UN) to address the most pressing global challenges of our time. The Sustainable Development Goals are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.

The Sustainability Plan has big, audacious commitments that include big, audacious corrections in conventional thinking. These commitments constitute a practice for how the plan will be implemented. It cannot be achieved by City staff alone; it is fundamentally based on effective collaborations and partnerships with individuals, organizations, and agencies throughout the City.

Process

In order to include many voices in the Plan, 125 residents signed on as Sustainability Ambassadors, 68 percent of whom are African-American. Together, we developed a survey that reached 1,200 neighbors, friends, and family. As the Ambassadors fanned out to conduct interviews, Sustainability Commissioners and Office of Sustainability staff attended almost 25 meetings, engaging over 500 industry and nonprofit leaders and professionals. Simultaneously, our Every Story Counts campaign surfaced stories from residents who, through their day-to-day actions, improve the sustainability of our city. Plan drafts were written and feedback was solicited at Town Hall meetings and working groups; the Plan was also made available for public comment through an online site where participants could click anywhere to comment, as well as review and respond to others' comments. More than 1,000 comments were submitted during the open period.

Accountability

Advancing the goals of this plan requires more than just a commitment to act; it requires a commitment to be held accountable. A way for us to reach our equity goals is to ensure that we are learning from our failures and our successes. Tracking our progress and monitoring our ability to advance equity and sustainability goals is an essential responsibility of the plan. Every year, the Commission on Sustainability and the Baltimore Office of Sustainability will produce an annual report, as mandated by the City Council Ordinance. Every year, we will also use the annual Open House to solicit feedback and identify new strategies and actions as we become more attuned to equitable systems, and as technologies and best practices change.

Fiscal Impacts

No direct fiscal impacts are expected from adoption of the Plan, and budget requests for additional funds to implement it would be submitted and reviewed through the annual budget process.

Amendment

A minor amendment to the plan text is recommended, to clarify the need to identify funds for implementation through the annual budget process. Insert the following text on page 7, following the last paragraph under "Sustainability Plan Purpose."

"The Plan will be implemented in a fiscally sustainable way that minimizes the financial impact on the City and coordinates efforts across agencies and


stakeholders. Budget requests to implement the Plan will be reviewed through the City's annual budget process, along with other enhancement requests."

The 2019 Sustainability Plan is available on the Office of Sustainability website at:
<https://www.baltimoresustainability.org/plans/sustainability-plan/>

The Office of Sustainability fully supports City Council Bill # 19-0332 with the proposed amendment.

cc: Mr. Pete Hammen, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Jim Smith, Chief of Strategic Alliances
Ms. Karen Stokes, Mayor's Office
Mr. Jeff Amoros, Mayor's Office
Mr. Chris Ryer, Director, Department of Planning

Robert Cennamo

FROM	NAME & TITLE	Robert Cennamo, Chief	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Bureau of the Budget and Management Research Room 432, City Hall (410) 396-4941		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill #19-0332 The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan		

DATE:

TO

The Honorable President and
 Members of the City Council
 Room 400, City Hall

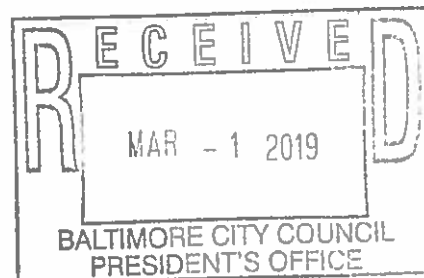
February 25, 2019

City Council Bill #19-0332 has been introduced for the purpose of adopting a new Sustainability Plan for Baltimore City and providing for a special effective date. The Plan encompasses all elements of sustainability, establishes sustainability actions and strategies, incorporates racial equity throughout the Plan, and includes a comprehensive public engagement and public information component. It establishes key sustainability indicators to track the progress of implementation and is organized around a framework that includes the five themes of community, human-made systems, climate and resilience, nature in the City, and economy. There are extensive goals and strategies set forth in the plan that would be incorporated into the City's Comprehensive Master Plan as an appendix. The legislation also proposes that the Sustainability Commission annually review and submit a written report to the City Council on the state of the Plan's implementation, goal achievements, and other effects, and recommend any amendments to the Plan that the Commission finds necessary or appropriate.

The Department of Finance supports the efforts of the Sustainability Commission and the Office of Sustainability in developing this plan. We recognize the increasing evidence and awareness of the economic impacts of climate change. There is no direct fiscal impact associated with adoption of the Plan itself. However, there are costs associated with the implementation of aspects of the Plan, such as: establishing a local composting facility and increasing electrification among fleet vehicles.

The Department of Finance looks forward to working with the Office of Sustainability to implement the Plan in a fiscally sustainable way. Budget requests for additional funds to implement the Plan will be submitted and reviewed through the annual budget process. The Department of Finance supports passage of Council Bill 19-0332.

cc: Henry Raymond
 Jeffrey Amoros



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CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGIL, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

ANDRE M. DAVIS, City Solicitor
101 City Hall
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

March 1, 2019

The Honorable President and
Members of the Baltimore
City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary
409 City Hall
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: City Council Bill 19-0332 – Baltimore City Sustainability Plan

Dear President and Members

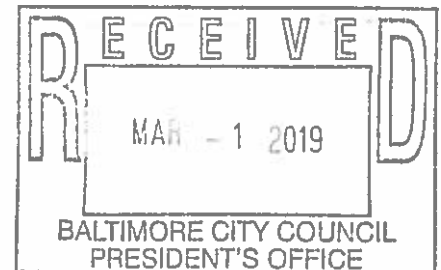
You have requested the advice of the Law Department regarding City Council Bill 19-0332. City Council Bill 332 provides for the submission of the Baltimore City Sustainability Plan to the City Council as required by Article 5, Section 34-7. The Goals and Strategies set forth in the bill and the contents of the Plan are consistent with the requirements of the Article 5, Section 34-5.

The Law Department, therefore, approves the City Council Bill 19-0332 for form and legal sufficiency.


Sincerely yours,

Elena R. DiPietro
Chief Solicitor

cc: Andre Davis, City Solicitor
Jeff Amoros, Mayor's Legislative Liaison
Michael Huber, Dir. Of Legislative Affairs
Hilary Ruley, Chief Solicitor
Victor Tervalo, Chief Solicitor
Ashlea Brown, Assistant Solicitor
Avery Aisenstark, Legislative Reference



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FROM	NAME & TITLE	LAURIE FEINBERG, ACTING DIRECTOR	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #19-0332/BALTIMORE CITY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN		

DATE:

TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 North Holliday Street

February 8, 2019

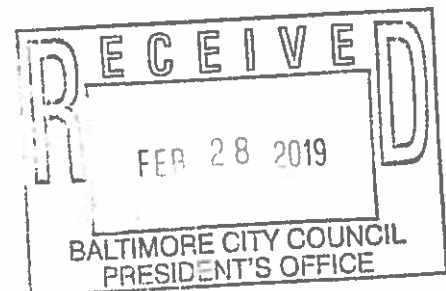
The Department of Planning is in receipt of City Council Bill #19-0322, which is for the purpose of adopting a new Sustainability Plan for Baltimore City; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to all elements of sustainability, including air quality, water quality, resource conservation and recycling, energy, public health, environmental justice, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of transportation.

The Department of Planning recommends approval of City Council Bill #19-0332, which has already been voted on favorably by the Planning Commission and the Commission on Sustainability. The Plan was developed over two and a half years with extensive community engagement, and an equity lens was used to develop the Plan. Equity implementation guidelines have also been included in the Plan. The Plan reflects an ambitious vision of sustainability for the City and includes 70 strategies and 244 actions, across 23 environmental, social equity, and economic topic areas.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

LF/lm

cc: Mr. Pete Hammen, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Jim Smith, Chief of Strategic Alliances
Ms. Karen Stokes, Mayor's Office
Mr. Colin Tarbert, Mayor's Office
Mr. Jeff Amoros, Mayor's Office
The Honorable Edward Reisinger, Council Rep. to Planning Commission
Mr. William H. Cole IV, BDC
Mr. Derek Baumgardner, BMZA
Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration
Ms. Sharon Daboin, DHCD
Mr. Tyrell Dixon, DCHD
Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.
Mr. Francis Burnszynski, PABC



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Mr. Michael Castagnola, DOT
Ms. Natawna Austin, Council Services
Mr. Ervin Bishop, Council Services
Ms. Lisa McNeilly, Sustainability

City of Baltimore

City Council
City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland
21202

Meeting Minutes - Final

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

10:40 AM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

19-0332

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 7 - Member Eric T. Costello, Member Mary Pat Clarke, Member Leon F. Pinkett III, Member John T. Bullock, Member Edward Reisinger, Member Brandon M. Scott, and Member Robert Stokes Sr.

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

19-0332

The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan

For the purpose of adopting a new Sustainability Plan for Baltimore City; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to all elements of sustainability, including air quality, water quality, resource conservation and recycling, energy, public health, environmental justice, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of transportation.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

A motion was made by Member Clarke, seconded by Member Scott, that this Ordinance be Recommended Favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Member Costello, Member Clarke, Member Pinkett III, Member Bullock, Member Reisinger, Member Scott, and Member Stokes Sr.

ADJOURNMENT



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 19-0332

The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan

Committee: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Chaired By: Councilmember Eric Costello

Hearing Date: March 5, 2019

Time: 12:00 PM to 12:40 PM

Location: Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber

Total Attendance: ~20

Committee Members in Attendance:

Eric Costello	Mary Pat Clarke	Brandon Scott	
Leon Pinkett	Robert Stokes	Edward Reisinger	John Bullock

- Bill Synopsis in the file? yes no n/a
- Attendance sheet in the file? yes no n/a
- Agency reports read? yes no n/a
- Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? yes no n/a
- Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? yes no n/a
- Evidence of notification to property owners? yes no n/a
- Final vote taken at this hearing? yes no n/a
- Motioned by: Councilmember Clarke
- Seconded by: Councilmember Scott
- Final Vote: Favorable

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Miriam Avins, Commission on Sustainability
Lisa McNeilly, Office of Sustainability

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairman Costello opened the proceedings.
2. Agency representatives confirmed the recommendations stated in their written reports.
3. Miriam Avins, Co-Chair of the Commission on Sustainability, acknowledged the Commission members.
4. Lisa McNeilly presented on the proposed Sustainability Plan (presentation in file).
5. Members of the Committee noted their support for the approach and vision reflected in the proposed Plan, and thanked the Commission for its work.
6. Councilwoman Clarke proposed an amendment to add language to the Plan calling for the City to reduce food waste by 50% by 2030 instead of 2050. Councilman Stokes asked what the cost would be to achieve that goal. Representatives from the Department of Public Works and the Department of Finance stated that they thought it would likely change the timing of expenses but not the overall cost. Chairman Costello noted that the Plan presented by the Commission was the result of extensive research and discussion, so there was an opportunity to include the language earlier if the Commission thought it was appropriate. The amendment failed. Chairman Costello noted that if the Commission confirms that it supports the amendment by noon on Monday, March 11, Committee members would support it at the Council meeting that evening.
7. The Committee discussed an amendment proposed by the Office of Sustainability clarifying that Plan implementation is subject to the City's budget process. Several Committee members objected to the language as unnecessary and patronizing. The Law Department confirmed that the amendment language is unnecessary. The Department of Finance consented to leaving the language out of the plan based on that understanding. There was no motion to adopt the amendment.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe.

The Commission on Sustainability will inform the Committee whether it supports the amendment proposed by Councilwoman Clarke by noon on Monday, March 11, 2019.

Committee Vote

E. Costello: **Yea**
M. Clarke: **Yea**
J. Bullock: **Yea**
L. Pinkett: **Yea**
E. Reisinger: **Yea**
B. Scott: **Yea**
R. Stokes: **Yea**

Matthew Peters

Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: March 5, 2019

cc: Bill File
OCS Chrono File



**CITY OF BALTIMORE
CITY COUNCIL HEARING ATTENDANCE RECORD**

Committee: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Chairperson: Eric Costello
 Date: March 5, 2019 Time: 10:40 AM Place: Clarence "Du" Burns Chambers
 Subject: Ordinance - The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan CC Bill Number: 19-0332

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CITY COUNCIL HEARING ATTENDANCE RECORD**

Committee: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Chairperson: Eric Costello

Date: March 5, 2019

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2019 SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL

March 5, 2019



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Baltimore Office of Sustainability



The **Office of Sustainability** develops and advocates for programs, policies and actions by government, residents, businesses, and institutions that improve the long-term environmental, social, and economic viability of Baltimore City.

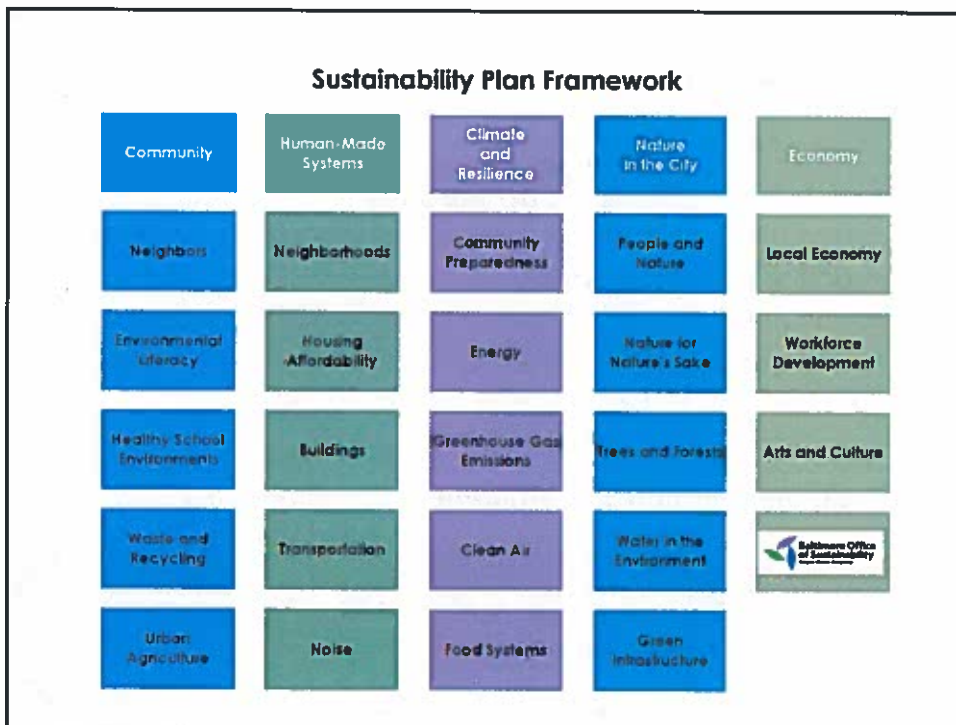
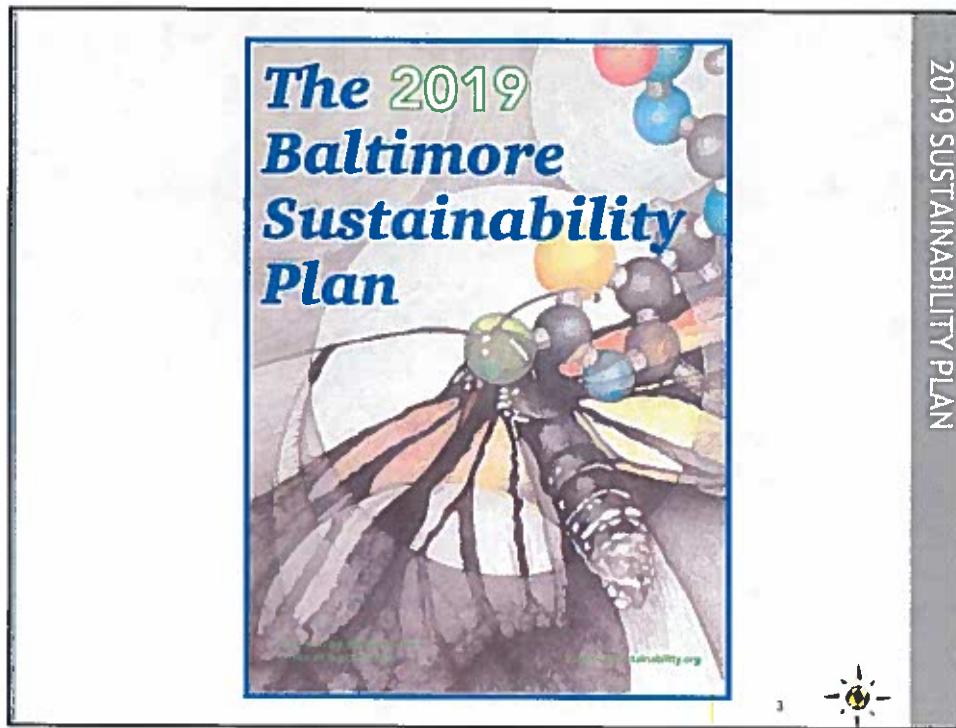
The **Commission on Sustainability** (21 members) works to create and implement a city-wide Sustainability Plan, develop partnerships to implement programs, advise Mayor and City Council on sustainability issues, and report annually on progress.

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BALTIMORE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY



Engagement and Outreach

2 ½ Years

- 21 Sustainability Commissioners
- 125 Sustainability Ambassadors
- 1,200 Resident surveys
- 501 Subject Matter Experts
- 12 Working Groups
- 100's Comments (meetings)
- 1,025 Comments (website)



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2019 SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Equity Lens

Our mission is to improve the quality of human life while balancing the need for environmental protection, societal progress, and economic growth.

We cannot meaningfully work for sustainability without deliberately addressing enduring social, economic, and environmental disadvantages that people experience based on their race, ethnicity, and class.

A targeted universal strategy is one that is inclusive of the needs of both the dominant and the marginal groups but pays particular attention to the situation of the marginal group.

The more equitable our city, the more sustainable we all are.

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2019 SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Big Audacious Commitments

1 **A Commitment to be Transparent**

We will be honest about our past.
We recognize our interconnectedness.
We will share power.

2 **A Commitment to Collaborate**

We commit to thinking and working differently.
We commit to working together.
We seek to solve multiple problems at once.
We support change at the local level.

3 **A Commitment to be Accountable**

We actively seek feedback & engagement.
We will ask: How are we doing?
We will humanize our data.
We will speak in terms that are understandable to all.
We will care for the natural world.

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2019 SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Sustainability Plan Structure

- Accountability
 - Annual Reporting
 - Annual Open House
 - Periodic Updates

Tell Us How We're Doing

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2019 SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Examples of Strategies

2019 SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Community: Neighbors

Strategy #1: Support the promotion of stronger connections between neighbors and among neighborhoods.

Human-Made Systems: Housing Affordability

Strategy #3: Enable homeowners—especially older adults, people of color, and people with low-incomes—to maintain their homes.

Nature in the City: Trees and Forests

Strategy #2: Assess and manage the city’s tree canopy for long-term health.

Economy: Local Economy

Strategy #1: Proactively support local businesses

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What Can Residents Do?

WHAT YOU CAN DO



Community	Human-Made Systems	Climate & Resilience	Nature in the City	Economy
Neighbors Effort to take a greater role in promoting neighborhoods to thrive.	Neighborhoods Take action to improve neighborhoods.	Community Preparedness Join a neighborhood watch and a community emergency response team.	People and Nature Take a walk.	Local Economy Buy locally produced goods and services.
Environmental Literacy Take a class to learn more about the environment.	Housing Affordability Support a variety of housing options and building types.	Energy Get a free energy audit.	Nature for Nature's Sake Join a tree planting project.	Workforce Development Take a class or attend a training class.
Healthy School Environments Pick up litter around your school or yard.	Buildings Install energy efficient light bulbs and other improvements.	Greenhouse Gas Emissions Car-pool, bike, or walk.	Trees and Forests Plant and care for a tree.	Arts and Culture Visit a museum with a child.
Waste and Recycling Recycle and compost when you don't use.	Transportation Walk, bike, or use public transit instead of driving.	Clean Air Reduce indoor air pollution.	Water in the Environment Reduce water use at home.	
Urban Agriculture Support local farmers.	Noise Control your noise.	Food Systems Buy and eat local food.	Green Infrastructure Plant trees and shrubs.	



"I COMMIT"
ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY
OPEN HOUSE
APRIL 11 2018

#I COMMIT TO CHANGE
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#SUSTAINABILITY

I commit to...
thinking and
working
differently

I commit to...
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natural world

I commit to...
supporting
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Questions & Comments

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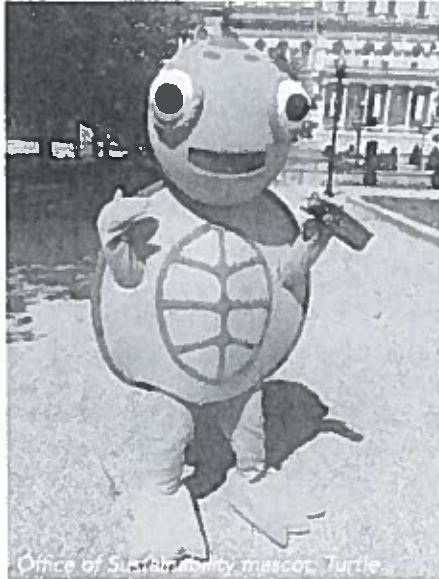
To be offered by Councilwoman Clarke

Amendment 1

On page 48, Action 1, after the words "Implement the City's Food Waste and Recovery Strategy to" and before "build community, create jobs, and increase the resilience of our city." Insert "reduce food waste by 50% by 2030 and"

FAST FACT:

After the City distributed free, rodent-resistant trash cans to all households, requests for rat extermination decreased by nearly 34 percent.



Office of Sustainability mascot, Turtle



STRATEGIES & ACTION

1. Increase the amount of trash that is diverted from the landfill and incinerator to recycling programs.

Action 1:

Provide free recycling bins to all Baltimore residents; increase commercial recycling; conduct continuous, deep engagement on what can be recycled.

Action 2:

Launch an anti-litter, pro-recycling campaign. Use positive, actionable messages, ensuring racially and ethnically diverse materials are provided, along with additional support and infrastructure to communities most impacted by trash and litter.

Action 3:

Create and implement a plan to achieve zero waste, meaning we "are working toward or diverting over 90 percent of our discards from landfilling or incineration." Ensure extensive outreach and a plan that addresses the needs of the entire population.

2. Expand Baltimore's Waste to Wealth initiative.

Action 1:

Implement the City's Food Waste and Recovery Strategy to build community, create jobs, and increase the resilience of our city.

reduce food waste by 50% by 2030 and to...

Action 2:

Site a local composting facility to build the city's capacity to accept food and yard waste while creating local jobs; work with communities to ensure placement does not exacerbate conditions in underinvested neighborhoods.

Action 3:

Investigate revising codes and/or creating ordinances to eliminate waste and maximize reuse of deconstructed building materials, etc. Establish reuse businesses along with marketplaces for selling products, located strategically to ensure access for the entire population. Require these businesses to employ local unemployed or underemployed residents.



1. Communities that divert 90 percent of all their discarded materials from landfills, incinerators and the environment would be considered Zero Waste communities. <http://zwia.org/standards/zero-is-zero/>

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Meeting Agenda - Final

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

10:40 AM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

19-0332

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

19-0332

The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan

For the purpose of adopting a new Sustainability Plan for Baltimore City; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to all elements of sustainability, including air quality, water quality, resource conservation and recycling, energy, public health, environmental justice, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of transportation.

Sponsors:

City Council President (Administration)

ADJOURNMENT

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Bill 19-0332

The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan

Sponsor: *President Young (Administration), et al*
Introduced: *February 4, 2019*

Purpose:

For the purpose of adopting a new Sustainability Plan for Baltimore City; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to all elements of sustainability, including air quality, water quality, resource conservation and recycling, energy, public health, environmental justice, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of transportation.

Effective: Upon enactment.

Hearing Date/Time/Location: March 5, 2019/10:40 a.m./Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber.

AGENCY REPORTS

Department of Planning	Favorable
City Solicitor	Favorable
Department of Finance	Favorable
Office of Sustainability	Favorable with Amendment
Department of Public Works	
Department of General Services	
Department of Health	

ANALYSIS

Current Law

Article 5, § 34-4 of the Baltimore City Code requires the Commission on Sustainability to prepare a Comprehensive Sustainability Plan and, from time to time, recommend appropriate amendments to the plan.

Article 5, § 34-5 of the Baltimore City Code requires that the Commission's Comprehensive Sustainability Plan:

1. Discuss all elements of sustainability, including air quality, water quality, resource conservation and recycling, energy, public health, environmental justice, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of transportation.
2. Establish 3-, 5-, and 10-year sustainability targets;
3. Create public and private sustainability initiatives, to include but not limited to standards for city purchasing, incentives for citizens and businesses to recycle and purchase recycled goods, incentives for energy conservation, and water quality improvements;
4. Describe the resources and responsible agencies and others needed to implement the Plan;
5. Include a public information component;
6. Establish key sustainability indicators to track progress of Plan implementation; and
7. Set criteria and recommend mandatory measures for annual reporting to the City Council on:
 - (i) Energy Consumption Reports, as required in City Code Article 5, § 45-2;
 - (ii) Comprehensive Recycling and Composting Plan, as prescribed in City Code Article 23, § 16-2; and
 - (iii) Greenhouse gas emissions reduction reports.

Article 5, § 34-7 requires approval by an ordinance of the Mayor and City Council before the Sustainability Plan becomes effective.

Article 5, § 34-8 provides that the approved Sustainability Plan will be incorporated into the City's Comprehensive Master Plan as an appendix.

The current Baltimore City Sustainability Plan was adopted by Ordinance 09-141, effective March 12, 2009.

Bill Summary and Background

The bill would approve the Baltimore City Sustainability Plan¹ (Plan), dated February 4, 2019, its strategies, actions, and measures of success, and direct that the Plan be incorporated into the City's Comprehensive Master Plan as an appendix. The bill would further require that the Sustainability Commission annually review and submit a written report to the City Council on the state of the Plan's implementation, goal achievements, and other effects, and recommend any amendments to the Plan that the Commission finds necessary or appropriate.

The proposed Plan is the second developed by the Commission on Sustainability, and it is the result of an extensive public process. Over 125 resident Sustainability Ambassadors, 68 percent of whom are African-American, worked with the Commission to develop a survey that reached 1,200 neighbors, friends, and family. Sustainability Commissioners and Office of Sustainability staff also attended many meetings, engaging over 500 people. Participants included industry and nonprofit leaders and professionals from areas such as energy, racial equity, food and farming, business, transportation, waste, neighborhoods, and workforce. The Commission collected data and surfaced stories from residents who, through their day-to-day actions, improve the sustainability of the City. The Commission also accepted comments on the draft Plan through public meetings and online. More than 1,000 comments were submitted.

The Plan uses a racial equity lens to heighten awareness of disparities and focus on the need for justice in order to achieve sustainability. It also utilizes a framework based on the *STAR Community Rating System*, a comprehensive structure for measuring and assessing the sustainability of communities at the local scale. The Plan breaks down the City's sustainability strategies, actions, and measures of success into five broad categories—Community, Human-Made Systems, Climate & Resilience, Nature in the City, and Economy. The Plan also includes guidance for equitable implementation.

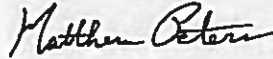
The Commission on Sustainability approved the Plan on January 16, 2019 and the Planning Commission approved it on January 31, 2019.

¹ The proposed 2019 Baltimore City Sustainability Plan is available at: <https://www.baltimoresustainability.org/plans/sustainability-plan/>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fiscal Note: None

Information Source(s): Baltimore City Code, Department of Planning, City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Office of Sustainability, Baltimore City Sustainability Plan (dated February 4, 2019), Baltimore City Sustainability Plan (adopted March 12, 2009), Bill 19-0332.



Analysis by: Matthew L. Peters
Analysis Date: March 1, 2019

Direct Inquiries to: (410) 396-1268

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0332
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President

At the request of: The Administration (Office of Sustainability)

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Office of Sustainability, Department of Planning, Department of Finance, Health Department, Department of Public Works, Department of General Services

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan**

3 FOR the purpose of adopting a new Sustainability Plan for Baltimore City; providing for a special
4 effective date; and generally relating to all elements of sustainability, including air quality,
5 water quality, resource conservation and recycling, energy, public health, environmental
6 justice, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of
7 transportation.

8 **Recitals**

9 Article 5, § 34-4 of the Baltimore City Code requires that the Commission on
10 Sustainability prepare a Comprehensive Sustainability Plan and, from time to
11 time, recommend appropriate amendments to it.

12 Article 5, § 34-5 of the Baltimore City Code requires, among other things, that the
13 Commission's Comprehensive Sustainability Plan discuss all elements of
14 sustainability, including air quality, water quality, resource conservation and
15 recycling, energy, public health, environmental justice, reduction of greenhouse
16 gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of transportation. The
17 Plan is also to establish 3-, 5-, and 10-year sustainability targets.

18 The City of Baltimore last adopted a comprehensive sustainability plan by
19 Ordinance 09-141, effective March 12, 2009.

20 The Commission of Sustainability, assisted by the Office of Sustainability in the
21 Department of Planning, has prepared a new comprehensive sustainability plan for
22 the City. To become effective, it must be approved by an Ordinance of the Mayor
23 and City Council.

24 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
25 Baltimore City Sustainability Plan, dated February 4, 2019, its strategies, actions, and measures
26 of success, are approved. The Sustainability Plan, as approved, shall be incorporated into the
27 City's Comprehensive Master Plan as an appendix.

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

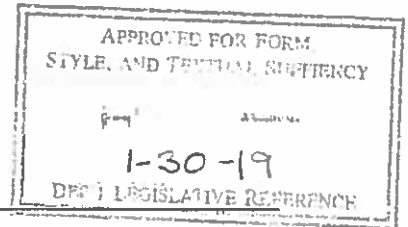
Council Bill 19-0332

1 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the Sustainability Commission annually
2 shall review and submit a written report to the City Council on the state of the Sustainability
3 Plan's implementation, goal achievements, and other effects, and recommend any amendments
4 to the Plan that the Commission finds necessary or appropriate.

5 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That after enactment of this Ordinance, a copy
6 of it and of the Sustainability Plan adopted by it be sent to the Mayor, Mayor's Office of
7 Employment Development, Department of Finance, Health Department, Baltimore City Heritage
8 Area, Baltimore Housing (Department of Housing and Community Development/Housing
9 Authority of Baltimore City), Law Department, Department of Legislative Reference, Mayor's
10 Office of Minority Business Development, Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods, Department of
11 Planning, Police Department, Department of Public Works, Department of Recreation and Parks,
12 the Department of Transportation, the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities, the Enoch Pratt Free
13 Library System, the Baltimore City Public School System, and the Board of Municipal and
14 Zoning Appeals.

15 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
16 enacted.

INTRODUCTORY*
CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL _____



Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Office of Sustainability)

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan

FOR the purpose of adopting a new Sustainability Plan for Baltimore City; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to all elements of sustainability, including air quality, water quality, resource conservation and recycling, energy, public health, environmental justice, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of transportation.

Recitals

Article 5, § 34-4 of the Baltimore City Code requires that the Commission on Sustainability prepare a Comprehensive Sustainability Plan and, from time to time, recommend appropriate amendments to it.

Article 5, § 34-5 of the Baltimore City Code requires, among other things, that the Commission's Comprehensive Sustainability Plan discuss all elements of sustainability, including air quality, water quality, resource conservation and recycling, energy, public health, environmental justice, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of transportation. The Plan is also to establish 3-, 5-, and 10-year sustainability targets.

The City of Baltimore last adopted a comprehensive sustainability plan by Ordinance 09-141, effective March 12, 2009.

The Commission of Sustainability, assisted by the Office of Sustainability in the Department of Planning, has prepared a new comprehensive sustainability plan for the City. To become effective, it must be approved by an Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council.

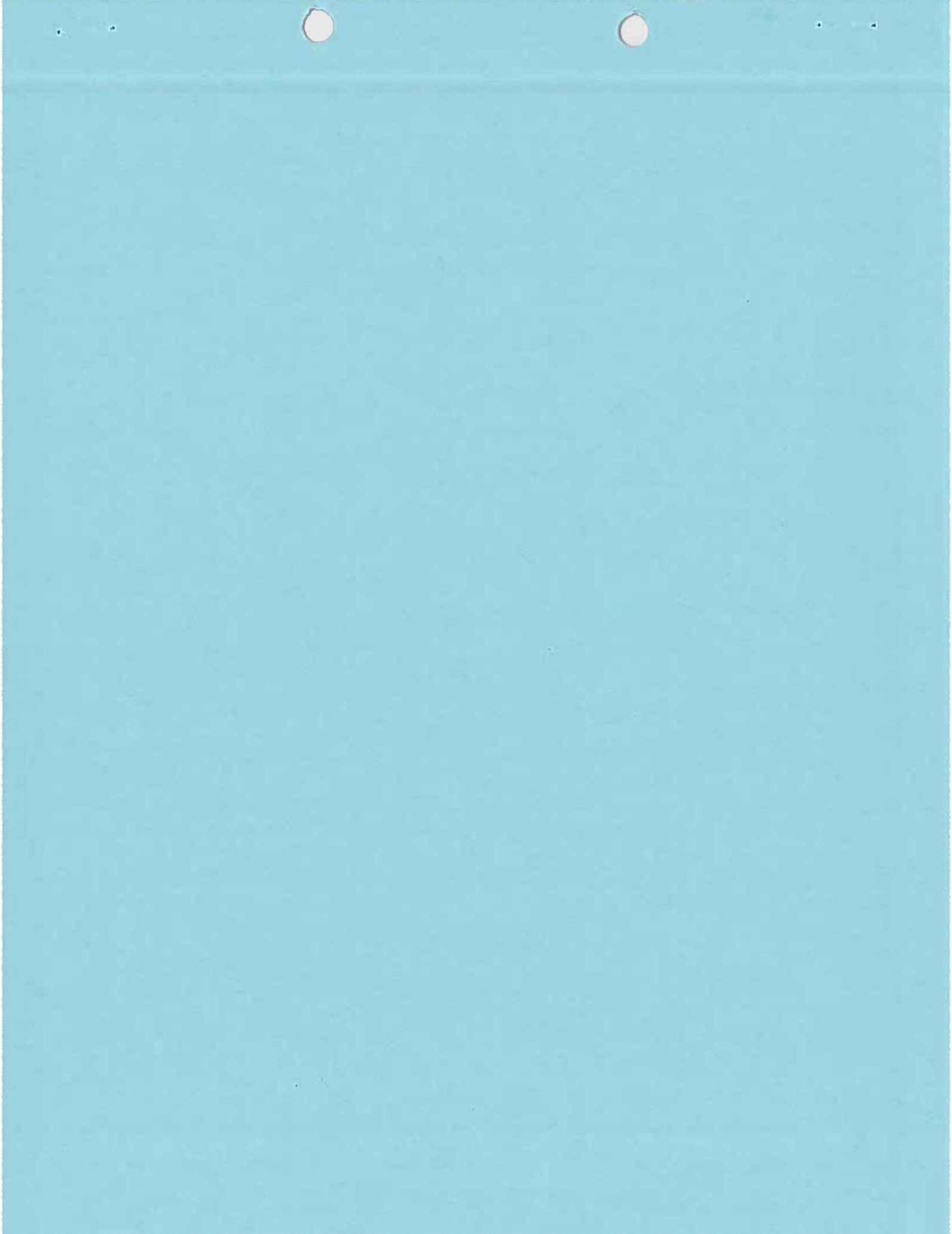
SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Baltimore City Sustainability Plan, dated February 4, 2019, its strategies, actions, and measures of success, are approved. The Sustainability Plan, as approved, shall be incorporated into the City's Comprehensive Master Plan as an appendix.

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the Sustainability Commission annually shall review and submit a written report to the City Council on the state of the Sustainability Plan's implementation, goal achievements, and other effects, and recommend any amendments to the Plan that the Commission finds necessary or appropriate.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That after enactment of this Ordinance, a copy of it and of the Sustainability Plan adopted by it be sent to the Mayor, Mayor's Office of Employment Development, Department of Finance, Health Department, Baltimore City Heritage Area, Baltimore Housing (Department of Housing and Community Development/Housing Authority of Baltimore City), Law Department, Department of Legislative Reference, Mayor's Office of Minority Business Development, Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods, Department of Planning, Police Department, Department of Public Works, Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Transportation, the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities, the Enoch Pratt Free Library System, the Baltimore City Public School System, and the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is enacted.



ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) _____ 20 _____

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON March 5, 2019 _____ 20 _____

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF March 11, 2019 _____ 20 _____

FAVORABLE _____ UNFAVORABLE _____ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED _____ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

E.T. [Signature]
Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

_____ MAR 11 2019 _____ 20 _____
Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING _____ MAR 18 2019 _____
_____ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING (ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____
_____ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

WITHDRAWAL _____ 20 _____

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.

[Signature]
President

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Chief Clerk