

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0063
(First Reader)**

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Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Police Department, Office of Civil
Rights: Wage Commission

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Citizens Advisory Commission for Public Safety**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Baltimore City Citizens Advisory Commission for Public
4 Safety; providing for the Commission’s composition, terms of office, meetings, quorum,
5 officers, and rules of procedure; requiring the Commission, in cooperation with the Baltimore
6 City Police Department, to develop annually a Community Interaction Recommendations
7 Report; specifying the elements of the Report; and generally relating to the Baltimore City
8 Citizens Advisory Commission for Public Safety.

9 BY adding

10 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
11 Sections 56-1 to 56-5, to be under the new subtitle designation,
12 “Subtitle 56. Citizens Advisory Commission for Public Safety”
13 Baltimore City Code
14 (Edition 2000)

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

17 **Baltimore City Code**

18 **Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies**

19 **SUBTITLE 56. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY**

20 **§ 56-1. COMMISSION ESTABLISHED.**

21 **THERE IS A BALTIMORE CITY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.**

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

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1 **§ 56-2. COMMISSION COMPOSITION.**

2 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

3 (1) THE ADVISORY COMMISSION COMPRISES 23 MEMBERS.

4 (2) OF THESE:

5 (I) 20 MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY
6 CHARTER ARTICLE IV, § 6; AND

7 (II) 3 ARE EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.

8 (B) *APPOINTED MEMBERS.*

9 THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

10 (1) A MEMBER OF THE BALTIMORE CITY HOUSE DELEGATION TO THE MARYLAND
11 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO BE NOMINATED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
12 DELEGATES;

13 (2) A MEMBER OF THE BALTIMORE CITY SENATE DELEGATION TO THE MARYLAND
14 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO BE NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

15 (3) 2 BALTIMORE CITY RESIDENTS, TO BE NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
16 CITY COUNCIL;

17 (4) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY;

18 (5) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER
19 COMMUNITY;

20 (6) AN INDIVIDUAL WITH EXPERTISE IN THE AREA OF REENTRY AFTER INCARCERATION;

21 (7) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE;

22 (8) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VANGUARD JUSTICE SOCIETY;

23 (9) A RESIDENT OF BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC HOUSING;

24 (10) AN INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD OR OLDER AND UNDER THE AGE OF 21;
25 AND

26 (11) 1 RESIDENT OF EACH OF THE 9 POLICE DISTRICTS OF BALTIMORE CITY.

27 (C) *EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.*

28 THE EX OFFICIO MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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1 (1) THE CHAIR OF THE CITY COUNCIL’S PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (OR THE
2 CHAIR’S DESIGNEE);

3 (2) THE POLICE COMMISSIONER (OR THE COMMISSIONER’S DESIGNEE); AND

4 (3) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND WAGE ENFORCEMENT (OR
5 THE DIRECTOR’S DESIGNEE).

6 **§ 56-3. TERM OF APPOINTED MEMBERS.**

7 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

8 (1) APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION SERVE FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS,
9 CONCURRENT WITH THE TERM OF THE MAYOR.

10 (2) AT THE END OF A TERM, AN APPOINTED MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A
11 SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

12 (B) *VACANCIES.*

13 A MEMBER APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY IN A TERM:

14 (1) MUST MEET THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS AS THAT REQUIRED FOR THE MEMBER
15 BEING SUCCEEDED; AND

16 (2) SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED
17 AND QUALIFIES.

18 (C) *TERM LIMITS.*

19 NO APPOINTED MEMBER MAY SERVE FOR MORE THAN 2 CONSECUTIVE FULL TERMS.

20 **§ 56-4. OFFICERS; COMMITTEES.**

21 (A) *OFFICERS.*

22 ANNUALLY, THE ADVISORY COMMISSION:

23 (1) SHALL ELECT ONE OF ITS MEMBERS TO SERVE AS THE COMMISSION’S CHAIR; AND

24 (2) AND MAY ELECT FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS A VICE-CHAIR AND ANY OTHER
25 OFFICERS THAT THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE.

26 (B) *COMMITTEES.*

27 THE ADVISORY COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH COMMITTEES TO ASSIST IT IN CARRYING OUT
28 ITS FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES.

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1 **§ 56-5. MEETINGS, QUORUM, ETC.**

2 (A) *MEETINGS.*

3 (1) THE ADVISORY COMMISSION SHALL HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS AT LEAST ONCE
4 QUARTERLY.

5 (2) ALL MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION MUST BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
6 STATE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (TITLE 3 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE OF THE
7 MARYLAND CODE).

8 (B) *QUORUM.*

9 A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION’S AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP CONSTITUTES A QUORUM
10 FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

11 (C) *VOTING.*

12 AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE BY A MAJORITY OF A QUORUM IS NEEDED FOR ANY OFFICIAL
13 ACTION.

14 (D) *RULES OF PROCEDURE.*

15 THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS MEETINGS.

16 **§ 56-5. COMMUNITY INTERACTION RECOMMENDATIONS REPORTS.**

17 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

18 IN COOPERATION WITH THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE ADVISORY
19 COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP ANNUALLY A COMMUNITY INTERACTION
20 RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT.

21 (B) *FOCUS.*

22 THE REPORT SHALL FOCUS ON MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO CREATE CONSISTENT
23 POSITIVE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN POLICE OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY RESIDENTS.

24 (C) *CONTENTS.*

25 THE REPORT SHALL:

26 (1) RECOMMEND WAYS THAT POLICE OFFICERS, BY ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN
27 NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS AND EVENTS, CAN BRING POLICE TOGETHER WITH A
28 WIDE ARRAY OF CITY RESIDENTS;

29 (2) IDENTIFY WAYS TO HELP BUILD LONG-TERM CONSISTENT INTERACTION BETWEEN
30 POLICE OFFICERS AND YOUTH IN BALTIMORE’S SCHOOLS, RECREATION CENTERS,
31 AND OTHER YOUTH PROGRAMS;

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- 1 (3) IDENTIFY WAYS THAT POLICE OFFICERS CAN INTERACT DIRECTLY WITH MEMBERS
2 OF THE REENTRY COMMUNITY IN A POSITIVE MANNER;
- 3 (4) RECOMMEND WAYS THAT EMPHASIS CAN BE PLACED ON CREATING POSITIVE
4 INTERACTIONS WITH BALTIMORE’S AFRICAN-AMERICAN, LESBIAN, GAY,
5 BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER, DOMESTIC-VIOLENCE VICTIM, PUBLIC HOUSING,
6 AND IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITIES;
- 7 (5) RECOMMEND WAYS THAT EMPHASIS CAN BE PLACED ON IMPROVING
8 RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE SMALL BUSINESS
9 COMMUNITY;
- 10 (6) PROVIDE IDEAS FOR CITIZEN-INVOLVED TRAINING OF POLICE OFFICERS;
- 11 (7) LIST AND EVALUATE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND
12 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER NON-LAW-ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES;
- 13 (8) INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOMELESS AND LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL,
14 AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY INTERACTIONS;
- 15 (9) INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN CITY RESIDENTS
16 AS POLICE OFFICERS; AND
- 17 (10) IDENTIFY WAYS TO FORM AND MAINTAIN LASTING AND COORDINATED
18 RELATIONSHIPS WITH COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES LOCATED IN BALTIMORE CITY,
19 INCLUDING MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY.

20 (D) *ANNUAL SUBMISSION.*

21 ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 15 OF EACH YEAR, THE ADVISORY COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT
22 ITS REPORT FOR THE ENSUING CALENDAR YEAR TO THE MAYOR, THE CITY COUNCIL, AND,
23 IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE MEMBERS OF
24 THE BALTIMORE CITY HOUSE AND SENATE DELEGATIONS TO THE MARYLAND GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY.

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

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