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SECOND COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2024-2028

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**CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**

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February 9, 2026

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Reverend Doctor Ron Hankins of Knox Presbyterian Church delivered an opening prayer.

Led by Marine veteran, Councilmember Zac Blanchard, the President and members of the Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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The City Council of Baltimore met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Zeke Cohen, President, and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos

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**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The Journal of January 12, 2026 was read and approved.

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**EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS**

DR. KATHERINE HOOPS, as a member of the Baltimore City Trauma-Informed Care Task Force.

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**INTRODUCTION AND READ FIRST TIME**

The President laid before the City Council the following bills and Resolutions of the Mayor and City Council for first reading:

**Bill No. 26-0144** – By: Councilmembers Gray, Parker, and Ramos

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Dorsey, Conway, Middleton, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, McCray, and Torrence

An Ordinance prohibiting a covered entity from discriminating against an individual based on actual or perceived immigration status; restricting a covered entity from coordinating with federal immigration officials under certain circumstances; requiring a covered entity to adhere to certain data governance standards; requiring a covered entity to adopt a certain immigration action response plan; establishing policies and procedures for the Baltimore Police Department's interactions with federal immigration officials; defining certain terms; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to a covered entity's interactions with federal immigration officials.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Public Safety Committee.

**Bill No. 26-0145** – By: Councilmember Dorsey

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Parker, Middleton, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Glover, Ramos, and Conway

An Ordinance amending the definition of "commercial vehicle"; prohibiting commercial vehicles from standing, stopping, or parking on City streets under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to commercial vehicles in the City.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

**Bill No. 26-0146** – By: Councilmember Dorsey

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Middleton, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Glover, and Ramos

An Ordinance requiring a certain person to obtain a used tire dealer license; establishing operational requirements and a certain fee; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the sale of used tires.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Housing and Economic Development Committee.

**Bill No. 26-0147** – By: Councilmember Bullock

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker and Glover

An Ordinance designating St. Peter's Cemetery, 2310 Laurens Street and 1301 Moreland Avenue, as a historical landmark: exterior; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Housing and Economic Development Committee.

**Bill No. 26-0148** – By: Councilmember Conway

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 205-209 E Cold Spring Lane (Block 5053I, Lots 001 and 002), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R 1 C Zoning District to the EC-2 Zoning District.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

**Bill No. 26-0149** – By: Councilmember Bullock

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 2441-2449 W Baltimore Street (Block 2152, Lot 001), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-1 Zoning District to the C-2 Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

**Bill No. 26-0150** – By: Councilmember Torrence

An Ordinance permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a retail goods establishment (with alcoholic beverage sales) on the property known as 600 West North Avenue (Block 3435, Lot 001), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting variances from certain bulk and yard regulations and off-street parking maximums; and, providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

**Bill No. 26-0151** – By: Councilmember Middleton

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Dorsey, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Parker, McCray, and Torrence

An Ordinance increasing the homestead tax credit percentage for the taxable year beginning in July, 2026.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

The President laid before the City Council the following Council Resolutions for first reading:

Bill No. 26-0046R - By Councilmembers Ramos, Gray, and Parker

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Conway, Schleifer, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, McCray, Dorsey, and Middleton

Introduced

(Read and adopted)

**Request for State Action – Enact Immigration and Customs Enforcement Response Legislation**

FOR the purpose of calling on the Maryland General assembly to pass and the Governor to sign legislation prohibiting law enforcement from using face coverings and legislation prohibiting specified government entities from entering into an immigration enforcement agreement and affirming the City’s commitment to the humane treatment of immigrant communities and the sanctity of our civil rights.

**Recitals**

The United States is experiencing an unprecedented number of arrests made by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents, increasing the number of people held in ICE detention on any given day by 75% in just a year. ICE is using intimidation, brute force, and violence to detain individuals without determination of criminal record, legal status, or citizenship.

The General Assembly is currently considering 2 pieces of legislation that would govern the State’s response to ICE’s brutal and violent tactics. SB0001/HB0155 would prohibit a law enforcement officer from wearing a mask or other face covering to obscure their identity, a tactic used by ICE to intimidate the public and avoid accountability for illegal conduct.

SB0245/HB0444 would ban units of State and local government from entering into an immigration enforcement agreement with the federal government. Such agreements dictate that State and local law enforcement may identify and process someone for deportation if they are arrested for any infraction, stoking fears of racial profiling and encouraging distrust of local law enforcement.

The Baltimore City Council urges the Governor and General Assembly to enact these 2 measures. The ongoing ICE raids have instilled fear and anxiety across immigrant communities everywhere, causing kids to miss school, adults to miss work, and making families less likely to seek medical attention or assistance from law enforcement. The City Council is committed to protecting our immigrant neighbors, as well as the civil rights of all citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the City Council calls on the Maryland General assembly to pass and the Governor to sign legislation prohibiting law enforcement from using face coverings and legislation prohibiting specified government entities from entering into an immigration enforcement agreement.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Governor, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the General Assembly, the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, the Baltimore City Police Commissioner, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

Councilmember Ramos made a motion that the Rules be suspended.

There being no objection, the President declared that the Rules were suspended.

Then Councilmember Ramos made a motion that the Resolution be adopted.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution "Adopted".

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 0417, 0418, 0419, 0420, 0421, 0422, 0423, 0424, 0425, 0426, 0427, 0428, 0429, 0430, 0431, 0432, 0433, 0434, 0435, 0436, 0437, 0438, 0439, 0440, 0441, 0442, 0443, 0444, 0445, 0446, 0447, 0448, 0449, 0450, 0451, 0452, 0453, 0454, AND 0455 ADOPTED UNDER RULE 3-9.

The resolutions were read.

The roll was called on the adoption of the resolutions, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the resolutions adopted under Rule 3-9.

**Ceremonial Resolutions will be found at the end of the Journal.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BILL NO. 25-0102 REPORTED FAVORABLY  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Torrence, for the Housing and Economic Development Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0102 favorably.

An Ordinance renewing and continuing the Charles Village Community Benefits District and Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Charles Village Community Benefits District and Management Authority.

Favorable report adopted.

The bill was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

**BILL NO. 25-0138 REPORTED FAVORABLY  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember McCray, for the Budget and Appropriations Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0138 favorably.

An Ordinance increasing the amount of tax imposed per trip for passenger-for-hire services; and providing for a special effective date.

A vote was called on the bill, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - Councilmember Schleifer - Total 1.

Favorable report adopted.

The bill was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

**BILL NO. 25-0116 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Jones, for the Labor and Workforce Committee, reported Bill No. 25-0116 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance requiring a certain type of employer to provide specified minimum compensation to a certain class of employee; defining certain terms; providing for the effective dates of this Ordinance; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Ordinance; and generally relating to compensation for security officers.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 25-0116

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Officers**” and substitute “**Guards**”; and, on that same page, in line 6, strike “officers.” and substitute “guards.”; and, on that same page, in line 18, strike “**WORKERS.**” and substitute “**GUARDS.**”; and, on page 3, in line 9, strike “*OFFICER.*” and substitute “*GUARD.*”; and, on that same page, in line 21, strike “OFFICER” and substitute “GUARD”; and, on page 4, in line 3, strike “OFFICER” and substitute “GUARD”; and, on page 5, in line 5, strike “**WORKERS.**” and substitute “**GUARDS.**”; and, on that same page, in line 13, strike “OFFICER,” and substitute “GUARD.”; and, on page 6, in line 5, strike “OFFICERS” and substitute “GUARDS”; and, on that same page, in line 11, strike “OFFICER” and substitute “GUARD”; and, on that same page, in line 17, strike “*OFFICER.*” and substitute “*GUARD.*”; and, on that same page, in line 29, strike “OFFICER” and substitute “GUARD”; and, on page 7, in lines 7 and 31, in each instance, strike “OFFICER” and substitute “GUARD”; and, on page 8, in line 3, strike “OFFICER” and substitute “GUARD”.

**Amendment No. 2**

Strike beginning with line 1 on page 2 down through and including line 5 on page 3; and, on page 3, in lines 6, 9, and 25, respectively, strike “(4)”, “(5)”, and “(6)”, respectively, and substitute “(2)”, “(3)”, and “(4)”, respectively; and, on page 4, strike beginning with “THAN” in line 4 down through and including “(1)” in line 5 and substitute “THAN.”; and, on that same page, in line 12, strike “CITY; OR” and substitute “CITY.”; and, on that same page, strike in their entirety lines 13 through 15.

**Amendment No. 3**

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 11 through 19 and substitute:

““COVERED SECURITY GUARD” MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED IN BALTIMORE CITY BY A COVERED SECURITY EMPLOYER WHO PRINCIPALLY PERFORMS 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

(A) PROTECTS INDIVIDUALS OR PROPERTY FROM HARM, THEFT, OR OTHER UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY;

(B) DETERS, OBSERVES, DETECTS, OR REPORTS INCIDENTS IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY UNLAWFUL OR UNAUTHORIZED ACTIVITY, INCLUDING UNLAWFUL OR UNAUTHORIZED INTRUSION OR ENTRY, LARCENY, VANDALISM, ABUSE, ARSON, OR TRESPASS ON PROPERTY; OR

(C) RESPONDS TO A TRIGGERED SECURITY SYSTEM ALARM IN ORDER TO PREVENT OR DETECT UNAUTHORIZED INTRUSION, ROBBERY, BURGLARY, THEFT, PILFERAGE, AND OTHER LOSSES OR TO MAINTAIN SECURITY OF A PROTECTED PREMISES.”;

and, on that same page, strike in their entirety lines 26 and 27 and substitute:

““COVERED SECURITY EMPLOYER” MEANS ANY PERSON, FIRM, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, PUBLIC ENTITY OR SUBSIDIARY OR DEPARTMENT OF SUCH FIRM, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR PUBLIC ENTITY EMPLOYING 2 OR MORE COVERED SECURITY GUARDS OR INDIVIDUALS BEING SELF-EMPLOYED AS A SECURITY GUARD ON EITHER A PROPRIETARY BASIS FOR ITS OWN USE OR ON A CONTRACTUAL BASIS FOR USE BY ANOTHER PERSON, FIRM, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, PUBLIC ENTITY OR SUBSIDIARY THEREOF WITHIN THE CITY.”; and

on page 6, strike in their entirety lines 19 through 27 and substitute:

““COVERED SECURITY GUARD” MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED IN BALTIMORE CITY BY A COVERED SECURITY EMPLOYER WHO PRINCIPALLY PERFORMS 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

(A) PROTECTS INDIVIDUALS OR PROPERTY FROM HARM, THEFT, OR OTHER UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY;

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(B) DETERS, OBSERVES, DETECTS, OR REPORTS INCIDENTS IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY UNLAWFUL OR UNAUTHORIZED ACTIVITY, INCLUDING UNLAWFUL OR UNAUTHORIZED INTRUSION OR ENTRY, LARCENY, VANDALISM, ABUSE, ARSON, OR TRESPASS ON PROPERTY; OR

(C) RESPONDS TO A TRIGGERED SECURITY SYSTEM ALARM IN ORDER TO PREVENT OR DETECT UNAUTHORIZED INTRUSION, ROBBERY, BURGLARY, THEFT, PILFERAGE, AND OTHER LOSSES OR TO MAINTAIN SECURITY OF A PROTECTED PREMISES.”;

and, on page 7, strike in their entirety lines 3 and 4 and substitute:

““COVERED SECURITY EMPLOYER” MEANS ANY PERSON, FIRM, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, PUBLIC ENTITY OR SUBSIDIARY OR DEPARTMENT OF SUCH FIRM, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR PUBLIC ENTITY EMPLOYING 2 OR MORE COVERED SECURITY GUARDS OR INDIVIDUALS BEING SELF-EMPLOYED AS A SECURITY GUARD ON EITHER A PROPRIETARY BASIS FOR ITS OWN USE OR ON A CONTRACTUAL BASIS FOR USE BY ANOTHER PERSON, FIRM, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, PUBLIC ENTITY OR SUBSIDIARY THEREOF WITHIN THE CITY.”.

**Amendment No. 4**

On page 3, after line 27, insert:

“(5) MINIMUM COMPENSATION.

(i) IN GENERAL.

“MINIMUM COMPENSATION” MEANS THE COMPENSATION AMOUNT A COVERED SECURITY EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO PAY TO A COVERED SECURITY GUARD PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(ii) EXCLUSIONS.

“MINIMUM COMPENSATION” DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL OTHERWISE LEGALLY-REQUIRED BENEFITS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF:

(A) FEDERAL HOLIDAYS; AND

(B) THE SUPPLEMENT BENEFIT RATE REQUIRED BY § 3-1604(A)(2)(II) OF THE STATE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE.”;

and, on page 4, in line 1, strike “*COMPENSATION*” and substitute “*MINIMUM COMPENSATION*”; and, on that same page, in line 3, after the first instance of “THE” insert “MINIMUM”; and, on that same page, in line 17, after the second instance of “THE” insert “MINIMUM”; and, on that same page, in line 20, after “THE” insert “MINIMUM”; and, on that same page, in line 23, after the second instance of “THE” insert “MINIMUM COMPENSATION”; and, on page 7, after line 4, insert:

“(7) *MINIMUM COMPENSATION.*

(I) *IN GENERAL.*

“MINIMUM COMPENSATION” MEANS THE COMPENSATION AMOUNT A COVERED SECURITY EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO PAY TO A COVERED SECURITY GUARD PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(II) *EXCLUSIONS.*

“MINIMUM COMPENSATION” DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL OTHERWISE LEGALLY-REQUIRED BENEFITS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF:

(A) FEDERAL HOLIDAYS; AND

(B) THE SUPPLEMENT BENEFIT RATE REQUIRED BY § 3-1604(A)(2)(II) OF THE STATE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE.”;

and, on that same page, in line 5, strike “*COMPENSATION*” and substitute “*MINIMUM COMPENSATION*”; and, on that same page, in line 7, after the first instance of “THE” insert “MINIMUM”; and, on that same page, in line 21, after the second instance of “THE” insert “MINIMUM”; and, on that same page, in line 24, after “THE” insert “MINIMUM”; and, on that same page, in line 27, after the second instance of “THE” insert “MINIMUM COMPENSATION”; and, on that same page, in line 31, after “THE” insert “MINIMUM”; and, on page 8, in line 3, after “THE” insert “MINIMUM”; and, on that same page, in line 9, after “the” insert “minimum”.

**Amendment No. 5**

On page 4, in line 17, strike “COMMISSION” and substitute “COMMISSION, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS,”; and, on that same page, in line 23, strike “WAGE COMMISSION” and substitute “OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS”; and, on page 7, in line 21, strike “COMMISSION” and substitute “COMMISSION, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS,”; and, on that same page, in line 27, strike “WAGE COMMISSION” and substitute “OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS”.

**Amendment No. 6**

On page 6, in lines 5 and 6, strike “AT A COMMERCIAL OFFICE BUILDING THAT IS:” and substitute “IN THE CITY.”; and, on that same page, strike in their entirety lines 7 and 8; and, on that same page, in line 11, strike “AT A COMMERCIAL OFFICE BUILDING THAT IS:” and substitute “IN THE CITY.”; and, on that same page, strike in their entirety lines 12 and 13.

**Amendment No. 7**

On page 8, after line 4, insert:

“(F) EMPLOYER TO DISPLAY.

(1) IN GENERAL.

UPON THE TAKING EFFECT OF THE COMPENSATION DETERMINATION UNDER THIS SECTION, A COVERED SECURITY EMPLOYER SHALL POST A SIGN, MEASURING AT LEAST 3 BY 5 INCHES IN SIZE, THAT INCLUDES:

- (I) THE REQUIRED COMPENSATION AMOUNT;
- (II) A CITATION OF THE APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF CITY CODE; AND
- (III) THE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE WAGE COMMISSION.

(2) LOCATION.

THE COVERED SECURITY EMPLOYER SHALL POST THE SIGN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION:

- (I) IN CLEAR VIEW OF EMPLOYEES; AND
- (II) WHERE SIMILAR NOTICES ARE CUSTOMARILY POSTED.

(3) OECDR TO POST.

THE OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS SHALL COMPILE AND POST ON THE CITY’S WEBSITE A PRINTABLE VERSION OF THE SIGN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.”.

**Amendment No. 8**

On page 8, after line 4, insert:

“(G) ANNUAL REPORT.

ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT INCLUDES:

- (I) THE NEWLY-DETERMINED AVERAGE PER-EMPLOYEE TOTAL BENEFIT RATE; AND
- (II) THE NEWLY-DETERMINED AVERAGE PER-EMPLOYEE WAGE RATE.”.

**Amendment No. 9**

On page 8, before line 5, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

**Baltimore City Code**

**Article 11. Labor and Employment**

**Division I. Minimum Wage Law**

**Subtitle 3. Wage Requirements**

**§ 3-9. SECURITY GUARDS.**

(A) DEFINITIONS.

(1) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) COMPENSATION.

“COMPENSATION” MEANS ANY COMBINATION OF WAGES, BENEFITS, AND PAID TIME OFF.

(3) COVERED SECURITY GUARD.(I) IN GENERAL.

“COVERED SECURITY GUARD” MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED IN BALTIMORE CITY BY A COVERED SECURITY EMPLOYER WHO PRINCIPALLY PERFORMS 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

(A) PROTECTS INDIVIDUALS OR PROPERTY FROM HARM, THEFT, OR OTHER UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY;

(B) DETERS, OBSERVES, DETECTS, OR REPORTS INCIDENTS IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY UNLAWFUL OR UNAUTHORIZED ACTIVITY, INCLUDING UNLAWFUL OR UNAUTHORIZED INTRUSION OR ENTRY, LARCENY, VANDALISM, ABUSE, ARSON, OR TRESPASS ON PROPERTY; OR

(C) RESPONDS TO A TRIGGERED SECURITY SYSTEM ALARM IN ORDER TO PREVENT OR DETECT UNAUTHORIZED INTRUSION, ROBBERY, BURGLARY, THEFT, PILFERAGE, AND OTHER LOSSES OR TO MAINTAIN SECURITY OF A PROTECTED PREMISES.

(II) EXCLUSIONS.

“COVERED SECURITY GUARD” DOES NOT INCLUDE:

(A) A MARINE GUARD OR SHIP WATCHMAN, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE GUARD OR WATCHMAN IS STATIONED ABOARD A SHIP OR ON A PIER; OR

(B) AN UNARMED EMPLOYEE OF A BAR, TAVERN, OR RESTAURANT.

(4) COVERED SECURITY EMPLOYER.

“COVERED SECURITY EMPLOYER” MEANS ANY PERSON, FIRM, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, PUBLIC ENTITY OR SUBSIDIARY OR DEPARTMENT OF SUCH FIRM, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, OR PUBLIC ENTITY EMPLOYING 2 OR MORE COVERED SECURITY GUARDS OR INDIVIDUALS BEING SELF-EMPLOYED AS A SECURITY GUARD ON EITHER A PROPRIETARY BASIS FOR ITS OWN USE OR ON A CONTRACTUAL BASIS FOR USE BY ANOTHER PERSON, FIRM, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, PUBLIC ENTITY OR SUBSIDIARY THEREOF WITHIN THE CITY.

(5) MINIMUM COMPENSATION.

(i) IN GENERAL.

“MINIMUM COMPENSATION” MEANS THE COMPENSATION AMOUNT A COVERED SECURITY EMPLOYER IS REQUIRED TO PAY TO A COVERED SECURITY GUARD PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(ii) EXCLUSIONS.

“MINIMUM COMPENSATION” DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL OTHERWISE LEGALLY-REQUIRED BENEFITS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF:

(A) FEDERAL HOLIDAYS; AND

(B) THE SUPPLEMENT BENEFIT RATE REQUIRED BY § 3-1604(A)(2)(II) OF THE STATE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ARTICLE.

(B) MINIMUM COMPENSATION DETERMINATION.

(1) IN GENERAL.

THE MINIMUM COMPENSATION AMOUNT FOR A COVERED SECURITY GUARD IN THE CITY MAY NOT BE LESS THAN, FOR THE GUARD 1 CLASSIFICATION ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF LABOR PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 67 OF 41 U.S.C. § 6701 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, THE COMBINED VALUE OF THE MINIMUM WAGE RATE, HEALTH AND WELFARE RATE, AND PAID VACATION AND HOLIDAYS RATES SET FORTH IN THE LOCALITY WAGE DETERMINATION ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION OF THE EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS DIVISION OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR THE AREA THAT INCLUDES THE CITY.

(2) DETERMINATION BY WAGE COMMISSION.

THE WAGE COMMISSION, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS, SHALL ANNUALLY DETERMINE THE MINIMUM COMPENSATION AMOUNT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION BY JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR.

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(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE MINIMUM COMPENSATION AMOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE THE FOLLOWING YEAR FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31.

(C) POSTING REQUIREMENT.

THE OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS SHALL POST THE MINIMUM COMPENSATION DETERMINATION MADE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE NO LATER THAN JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR.

(D) COVERED SECURITY EMPLOYER REQUIREMENT.

SUBJECT TO THE OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS DIVISION I, A COVERED SECURITY EMPLOYER SHALL, AT A MINIMUM, PAY EACH COVERED SECURITY GUARD THE MINIMUM COMPENSATION AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE WAGE COMMISSION UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(E) VIOLATION.

IT IS A VIOLATION OF THIS DIVISION I FOR A COVERED SECURITY EMPLOYER TO PAY A COVERED SECURITY GUARD LESS THAN THE MINIMUM COMPENSATION AMOUNT REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

(F) EMPLOYER TO DISPLAY.

(1) IN GENERAL.

UPON THE TAKING EFFECT OF THE COMPENSATION DETERMINATION UNDER THIS SECTION, A COVERED SECURITY EMPLOYER SHALL POST A SIGN, MEASURING AT LEAST 3 BY 5 INCHES IN SIZE, THAT INCLUDES:

- (I) THE REQUIRED COMPENSATION AMOUNT;
- (II) A CITATION OF THE APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF CITY CODE; AND
- (III) THE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE WAGE COMMISSION.

(2) LOCATION.

THE COVERED SECURITY EMPLOYER SHALL POST THE SIGN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION:

(I) IN CLEAR VIEW OF EMPLOYEES; AND

(II) WHERE SIMILAR NOTICES ARE CUSTOMARILY POSTED.

(3) OECD TO POST.

THE OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS SHALL COMPILE AND POST ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE A PRINTABLE VERSION OF THE SIGN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.";

and, on page 8, in lines 5 and 9, respectively, strike "3." and "4.", respectively, and substitute "4." and "5.", respectively; and, on that same page, after line 11, insert:

"SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That, Section 2 of this Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2027. It shall remain effective until the end of December 31, 2031, at which time, with no further action required by the City Council, Section 2 of this Ordinance shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That, the minimum compensation amount determined under Section 2 of this Ordinance by the Wage Commission as of July 1, 2031, shall be effective the following year from January 1, 2032 through December 31, 2032.";

and, on that same page, in line 12, strike "5." and substitute "8."; and, on that same page, in lines 12 and 13, strike "3 and Section 4" and substitute "4, Section 5, Section 6, and Section 7"; and, on that same page, in line 13, strike "2027." and substitute "2032."

The amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

The bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

### THIRD READING

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 25-0096** - An Ordinance removing certain permit renewal requirements for an individual with a disability; allowing a certain individual to submit notice to the Department of Transportation that a reserved parking permit is no longer needed; removing certain obsolete language; and generally relating to parking for disabled persons and helpers.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

**BILL NO. 25-0120** - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Mayoralty Capital Project Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$13,650,000 to the Baltimore City Information Technology – PRJ002423 911111 127-116 (Broadband for Public Housing Sites), to provide funding for the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Housing Authority of Baltimore City to install broadband internet service at public housing sites; and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

**BILL NO. 25-0121** - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Convention Center Capital Project Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 to the Convention Center – PRJ002554 998001 534-001 (Convention Center Annual Contribution), to provide funding for capital improvements at the Convention Center; and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

**BILL NO. 25-0122** - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Department of Transportation Project Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$2,000,000 to the Department of Transportation – PRJ002909 (West Baltimore United), to provide funding for deconstruction and redevelopment of U.S. 40 Highway to Nowhere; and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

**BILL NO. 25-0123** - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Department of Transportation Project Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$15,500,000 to the Department of Transportation – PRJ002913 (Hanover Street Corridor and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge National Environmental Protection Act Study), to advance concept planning studies for multi-modal transportation improvements to a 30% Design; and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

**BILL NO. 25-0124** - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Department of Transportation Project Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$498,000 to the Department of Transportation – PRJ003511 (Jones Falls Gateway), to design a segment of the Jones Falls Trail; and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

**BILL NO. 25-0125** - An Ordinance providing a Supplementary Department of Planning Project Fund Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$17,000,000 to the Department of Planning – PRJ003617 (Middle Branch Resiliency Initiative - MBRI), to support the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership to design and construct the Smith Cove Project (SCP); and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

**BILL NO. 25-0143** - An Ordinance amending the Capital budget to provide previously authorized and appropriated general funds for a new project in the amount of \$1,000,000 from Service 122 (M-R Miscellaneous General Expenses) to the Department of Transportation – PRJ002526 (Neighborhood Traffic Calming (508-151)); and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - Councilmember Schleifer - Total 1.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

**THIRD READING TODAY**

Councilmember Jones made a motion to place Bill No. 25-0116 on third reading today.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

**BILL NO. 25-0116** - An Ordinance requiring a certain type of employer to provide specified minimum compensation to a certain class of employee; defining certain terms; providing for the effective dates of this Ordinance; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Ordinance; and generally relating to compensation for security officers.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

**THIRD READER RETURNED FROM MAYOR**

Bill 25-0056 was returned from the Mayor after the Council invoked Rule 13-3 to request that the bill be returned to third reader for further consideration.

Councilmember Dorsey moved to substitute the recalled bill for a corrected version.

A vote was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared that the corrected version of the bill was substitute for the recalled version.

The President laid before the City Council:

An Ordinance permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a principal use parking lot on the property known as 702 Mura Street (Block 1155, Lot 101), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; granting certain variances from minimum lot area, minimum interior side yard, and minimum rear yard requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

**MOTION TO WITHDRAW BILL NO. 25-0004**

Councilmember Blanchard made a motion to withdraw Bill No. 25-0004.

The motion carried without exception, and the President declared Bill No. 25-0004 withdrawn.

**MOTION TO SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL RULES 10-2 AND 10-3  
WITH REGARD TO BILL NO. 26-0151**

Councilmember McCray made a motion to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 26-0151.

The motion carried without exception, and the President declared the rules suspended with regard to the bill. Then Councilmember McCray announced a hearing date for the bill.

**MOTION TO ELECT COUNCILMEMBER BULLOCK  
AS COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT**

President Cohen made a motion to elect Councilmember Bullock as Vice-President of City Council.

A vote was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Parker, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

President Cohen declared that Councilmember Bullock was elected Vice-President of City Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Cohen adjourned the City Council to next meet on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

CR0417 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Gladys Gilliam in recognition of her initiation of the Berea Neighborhood Community Association 50 years ago.

CR0418 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Peggie Sue Johnson, September 26, 1947 – December 29, 2025.

CR0419 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Matthew J. Hood in recognition of his services as a Baltimore City historian and over twenty years' service to historical organizations and preservation.

CR0420 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Dean Davis in recognition of his representation of Baltimore as a Delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders.

CR0421 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Ms. Joni in recognition of her extraordinary dedication to Baltimore youth, founding Heartsmiles to nurture confidence, emotional wellbeing, opportunity, community and love through unwavering love and service.

CR0422 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of James C. Andrews, August 7, 1951 – January 4, 2026.

CR0423 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Marsha Andrews, May 3, 1954 – January 5, 2026.

CR0424 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Nico Sanders in recognition of his exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to expanding housing, mental health supports, and community opportunity.

CR0425 Torrence

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Patricia Beverly Ray, July 10, 1948 – January 6, 2026.

CR0426 Ramos

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Katie Allston in recognition of 18½ years of compassionate leadership and steadfast dedication to building a sanctuary of safety and stability for the women of Marion House.

CR0427 Conway

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of James C. Andrew's Sr., August 7, 1951 – January 3, 2026.

CR0428 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Mrs. Hagger L. Armstrong, June 15, 1936 – December 20, 2025.

CR0429 Bullock

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Apostle Dr. Roger A. Johnson, June 5, 1946 – January 8, 2026.

CR0430 Conway

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of James C. Andrew's Sr., August 7, 1951 – January 4, 2026.

CR0431 Conway

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Bettina LeNe Crump, March 7, 1962 – January 17, 2026.

CR0432 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Dr. Raymond Bahr, August 18, 1935 – January 14, 2026.

CR0433 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Kenneth Bernard Best, July 23, 1957 – January 9, 2026.

CR0434 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Joan Elizabeth Amos, July 4, 1934 – January 8, 2026.

CR0435 Porter

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Edward L. Reisinger, July 4, 1934 – January 8, 2026.

CR0436 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Jennie Woolsey in recognition of over 37 years of service to the citizens of the City of Baltimore.

CR0437 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Freda Thomas in recognition her 78th birthday, being an active member of her church community, and raising five successful young men.

CR0438 Ramos

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating David Rawle in recognition his extraordinary volunteer service and steadfast commitment to advancing The BIT Center's mission of community health, food access, education, and connection through shared meals and the arts.

CR0439 Ramos

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Dave Noppenberger in recognition of outstanding volunteer contributions, which have strengthened The BIT Center's mission and ensured access to food, education, and cultural connection for our community.

CR0440 Ramos

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Dave Noppenberger in recognition of her dedicated volunteer service, which has advanced The BIT Center's mission and strengthened programs that support families, empower youth, and foster community across Baltimore.

CR0441 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Frank D. Wheeler in recognition of 32 years of service to the City of Baltimore with the Department of Transportation.

CR0442 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Lillian Garner in recognition of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, love for her community in Baltimore City, and lasting legacy.

CR0443 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating REFF Services LLC in recognition of their 20 Year anniversary in business and grand opening of warehouse in Dundalk, Maryland.

CR0444 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Viola M. Anderson, September 6, 1935 – January 13, 2026.

CR0445 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Theresa A. Graham in recognition of her selfless leadership, community outreach, and dedication to empowering Baltimore families, inspiring others through her volunteer work and her commitment to her church.

CR0446 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Kevin McFadden in recognition of his retirement after many years of exceptional leadership with Baltimore City Waste & Water in service to Baltimore City.

CR0447 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of James Tucker, October 18, 1965 – January 22, 2026.

CR0448 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating John Dicks in recognition of the extraordinary milestone of his 100th birthday.

CR0449 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating Janice Brown in recognition of her retirement after 13 years of service with Baltimore City's Department of General Services.

CR0450 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Jeanette Smith-Dixon, May 23, 1957 – January 20, 2026.

CR0451 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Matthew "Bugs" Brandon, Jr., September 2, 1945 – January 19, 2026.

CR0452 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution Congratulating the Open Bible Gospel Church in recognition of the financial responsibility of the Church in paying off a 20-year mortgage 10 years early.

CR0453 Ramos

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Yvette Lavera Burgess, May 13, 1965 – January 14, 2026.

CR0454 President Cohen and all Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of William L Smith, Sr., July 17, 1935 – January 28, 2026.

CR0455 Ramos

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Ms. Shirley Mae Wright, April 24, 1932 – January 25, 2026.