

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 21-0112**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Schleifer and Bullock

Introduced and read first time: July 19, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: January 10, 2022

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**AN RESOLUTION ENTITLED**

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – Supplementary Criminal**  
3 **Apprehension and Conviction Fund**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a continuing, nonlapsing Supplementary Criminal  
5 Apprehension and Conviction Fund, to be used exclusively to supplement rewards offered to  
6 the public for information leading to the apprehension, arrest, and conviction of criminal  
7 suspects; providing for certain modes of appropriation to this Fund; authorizing the Mayor  
8 and City Council, by Ordinance, to provide for the oversight, governance, and administration  
9 of this Fund; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption  
10 or rejection.

11 BY proposing to add  
12 Article I - General Provisions  
13 Section 19  
14 Baltimore City Charter  
15 (1996 Edition)

16 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
17 City Charter is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

18 **Baltimore City Charter**

19 **Article I. General Provisions**

20 **§ 19. SUPPLEMENTARY CRIMINAL APPREHENSION AND CONVICTION FUND.**

21 (A) *FUND ESTABLISHED; SCOPE.*

22 THERE IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING SUPPLEMENTARY CRIMINAL APPREHENSION AND  
23 CONVICTION FUND, TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PURPOSES OF SUPPLEMENTING  
24 REWARDS OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE BALTIMORE POLICE

**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.

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1 DEPARTMENT OR A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR THE SUCCESSFUL APPREHENSION,  
2 ARREST, AND CONVICTION OF CRIMINAL SUSPECTS.

3 (B) *LIMITATIONS ON USE.*

4 THE SUPPLEMENTARY CRIMINAL APPREHENSION AND CONVICTION FUND:

5 (1) SHALL ONLY BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT REWARDS; AND

6 (2) MAY NOT BE USED TO SUBSTITUTE FOR OR REPLACE EXISTING FUNDING FOR  
7 REWARDS PROVIDED BY THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR ANY NON-  
8 PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

9 (C) *REVENUE SOURCES.*

10 THE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY CONSIST OF:

11 (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND IN THE ANNUAL ORDINANCES OF ESTIMATES;  
12 AND

13 (2) GRANTS OR DONATIONS MADE TO THE FUND; ~~AND~~

14 ~~(3) PROCEEDS FROM FINES, FEES, SURCHARGES, OR OTHER REVENUES DEDICATED TO~~  
15 ~~THE FUND BY ORDINANCE.~~

16 (D) *CONTINUING NATURE OF FUND.*

17 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CHARTER, UNSPENT PORTIONS OF THE  
18 FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION:

19 (1) REMAIN IN THE FUND, TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THEIR ORDAINED PURPOSES;

20 (2) DO NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL REVENUES OF THE CITY; AND

21 (3) THEIR APPROPRIATIONS DO NOT LAPSE.

22 (E) *IMPLEMENTATION.*

23 BY ORDINANCE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MAY PROVIDE FOR THE OVERSIGHT,  
24 GOVERNANCE, AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

25 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this proposed amendment to the City  
26 Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or rejection,  
27 in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the  
28 City Solicitor.

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Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City