

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 17-0063

Introduced by: Councilmembers Scott, Costello, Dorsey, Burnett, Pinkett, Henry, Cohen, Clarke,
Reisinger, Sneed, Schleifer, Middleton, Bullock, President Young

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Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: June 12, 2017

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

1 **Citizens Advisory Commission for Public Safety**

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

8 BY adding

9 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
10 Sections 56-1 to ~~56-5~~ 56-6, to be under the new subtitle designation,
11 “Subtitle 56. Citizens Advisory Commission for Public Safety”
12 Baltimore City Code
13 (Edition 2000)

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

16 **Baltimore City Code**

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

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

19 **§ 56-1. COMMISSION ESTABLISHED.**

20 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.
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 **§ 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; AND

15 (3) THE FOLLOWING, TO BE NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

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

18 (II) ~~(4)~~ A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY;

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

21 (IV) ~~(6)~~ AN INDIVIDUAL WITH EXPERTISE IN THE AREA OF REENTRY AFTER
22 INCARCERATION;

23 (V) ~~(7)~~ A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE;

24 (VI) ~~(8)~~ A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VANGUARD JUSTICE SOCIETY;

25 (VII) ~~(9)~~ A RESIDENT OF BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC HOUSING;

26 (VIII) ~~(10)~~ AN INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD OR OLDER AND UNDER THE AGE
27 OF 21; AND

28 (IX) ~~(11)~~ 1 RESIDENT OF EACH OF THE 9 POLICE DISTRICTS OF BALTIMORE CITY.

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1 (C) *EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.*

2 THE EX OFFICIO MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

3 (1) THE CHAIR OF THE CITY COUNCIL'S PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (OR THE
4 CHAIR'S DESIGNEE) OR ANY CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE SUCCEEDING TO THE
5 DUTIES OF THE CITY COUNCIL'S PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE;

6 (2) THE POLICE COMMISSIONER (OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE); AND

7 (3) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND WAGE ENFORCEMENT (OR
8 THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE) OR ANY OFFICE OR AGENCY SUCCEEDING TO THE
9 DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND WAGE ENFORCEMENT RELEVANT TO
10 DUTIES OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.

11 **§ 56-3. TERM OF APPOINTED MEMBERS.**

12 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

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

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

17 (B) *VACANCIES.*

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

19 (1) MUST MEET THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS AS THAT REQUIRED FOR THE MEMBER
20 BEING SUCCEDED; AND

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

23 (C) *TERM LIMITS.*

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

25 **§ 56-4. OFFICERS; COMMITTEES.**

26 (A) *OFFICERS.*

27 ANNUALLY, THE ADVISORY COMMISSION:

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

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

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1 (B) *COMMITTEES.*

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

4 **§ 56-5. MEETINGS, QUORUM, ETC.**

5 (A) *MEETINGS.*

6 (1) THE ADVISORY COMMISSION SHALL HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS AT LEAST ONCE
7 QUARTERLY.

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

11 (B) *QUORUM.*

12 A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION'S AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP CONSTITUTES A QUORUM
13 FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

14 (C) *VOTING.*

15 AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE BY A MAJORITY OF A QUORUM IS NEEDED FOR ANY OFFICIAL
16 ACTION.

17 (D) *RULES OF PROCEDURE.*

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

19 **§ ~~56-6~~ 56-5. COMMUNITY INTERACTION RECOMMENDATIONS REPORTS.**

20 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

21 IN COOPERATION WITH THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE ADVISORY
22 COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP ANNUALLY A COMMUNITY INTERACTION
23 RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT.

24 (B) *FOCUS.*

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

27 (C) *CONTENTS.*

28 THE REPORT SHALL:

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

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

23 (D) *ANNUAL SUBMISSION.*

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

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

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

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Certified as duly passed this _____ day of _____, 20__

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,
this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City