

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 08-0024R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Henry, Cole, Kraft, Branch, Young, Curran, Clarke, D'Adamo,
Middleton, Welch, Reisinger, Conaway, Holton

Introduced and read first time: March 3, 2008

Assigned to: Community Development Subcommittee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, City
Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development/Housing
Authority of Baltimore City, Health Department, Police Department, Department of
Transportation

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Task Force on Noise Laws and Enforcement**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Baltimore City Noise Law Task Force to study the potential
4 for an overhaul of the City's current noise laws and the feasibility of creating a more defined,
5 easily enforced, and encompassing noise law for the City of Baltimore.

6 **Recitals**

7 The noise laws can currently be found in numerous places in the Baltimore City Code which
8 include the Health, Zoning and Transportation, and Building Code. This separation of statutes
9 not only makes enforcement very difficult, but also creates a situation where citizens who may
10 be in violation of the law cannot know what law they are violating due to the multiple statutes
11 that are in place. This task force will investigate how to overhaul these noise laws to provide the
12 citizens of Baltimore and City agencies a uniform and more easily enforceable noise statute.

13 The goal of this task force is to organize the current statutes in such a way that they
14 will come together as one single section that covers all of the current noise laws in the City.
15 These would include a proactive standard for land development and use as well as reactive
16 standards that will enable easier enforcement.

17 This task force will study the issues of noise in the City from an objective standpoint and
18 make suggestions on how to better regulate them. It will also study the current laws and work to
19 remove possible issues in them, such as the status of certain vehicles and how the laws can be
20 enforced without proper sound detecting equipment. The objective of the task force will be to
21 devise a uniform noise law that can be implemented and easily enforced.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
23 Baltimore City Noise Law Task Force be established to study the potential for an overhaul of the
24 City's current noise laws and the feasibility of creating a more defined, easily enforced, and
25 encompassing noise law for the City of Baltimore.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Task Force members include but not be limited to
2 the following representatives or their respective designees:

- 3 ● The Mayor
- 4 ● The President of the Baltimore City Council
- 5 ● The City Solicitor
- 6 ● The Director of Planning
- 7 ● The Health Commissioner
- 8 ● The Commissioner of the Baltimore City Police Department
- 9 ● The Director of Transportation
- 10 ● The Chair of the Public Safety and Health Committee
- 11 ● The Chair of the Land Use and Transportation Committee
- 12 ● The Chair of the Community Development Subcommittee
- 13 ● The Director of the Baltimore City Housing Authority
- 14 ● The Executive Director of the Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals
- 15 ● The Director of Housing and Community Development
- 16 ● The Executive Director of the Maryland Stadium Authority
- 17 ● The General Manager of the Baltimore Arena
- 18 ● A City Councilmember appointed by the President to serve as Chair

19 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to those individuals
20 or entities named to the task force and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the Council.