

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 16-0728

Introduced by: Councilmember Kraft, President Young, Councilmembers Costello, Stokes,
Holton, Middleton, Clarke, Reisinger, Curran, Welch

Introduced and read first time: August 15, 2016

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: November 14, 2016

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Discounted City Services and Equipment for Nonprofit Events

FOR the purpose of requiring that the City grant a 50% discount for City services and equipment used to support a nonprofit event; creating certain exceptions and exemptions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the provision of City support to nonprofit events.

BY adding

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

Section(s) ~~37-1 and 37-2~~ to 37-3, to be under the new subtitle designation

“Subtitle 37. Nonprofit Event Discount”

Baltimore City Code

(Edition 2000)

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

Baltimore City Code

Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

SUBTITLE 37. NONPROFIT EVENT DISCOUNT

§ 37-1. DISCOUNT ON CITY SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT COSTS FOR NONPROFIT EVENTS.

(A) *IN GENERAL.*

(1) ~~IF EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, IF~~ THE NET PROCEEDS FROM ANY EVENT ARE TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE BENEFIT OF A NONPROFIT, TAX-EXEMPT CHARITABLE OR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, ~~OR AN ORGANIZATION THAT PAYS NO FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL TAXES,~~ THE FEES FOR CITY SERVICES OR

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 EQUIPMENT USED TO SUPPORT THE EVENT MUST BE REDUCED BY 50% FROM THE
2 OTHERWISE APPLICABLE RATE.

3 (2) INCLUSIONS.

4 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE 50% DISCOUNT REQUIRED BY THIS
5 SECTION INCLUDE:

6 (I) THE BALTIMORE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION’S MAIN STREET PROGRAMS;

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8 (II) RETAIL BUSINESS DISTRICT BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER
9 CITY CODE ARTICLE 14, § 11-9. {“BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS”};

10 (III) BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS; AND

11 (IV) COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS, NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS, HOMEOWNERS’
12 ASSOCIATIONS, AND ASSOCIATED BLOCK CLUBS.

13 (B) *DOCUMENTATION TO BE PROVIDED.*

14 THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION MUST SUBMIT SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE DOCUMENTING
15 ITS QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DISCOUNT PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION AT THE TIME THAT IT
16 REQUESTS CITY SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT FOR ITS EVENT.

17 (C) EXCLUSIONS.

18 THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF EVENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE 50% DISCOUNT REQUIRED
19 BY THIS SECTION:

20 (1) PUB CRAWLS; AND

21 (2) ROAD RACES.

22 **§ 37-2. EXEMPT FEES.**

23 THE 50% DISCOUNT REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO:

24 (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS FEE SCHEDULE; OR

25 (2) THE PARKING AUTHORITY.

26 **§ 37-3. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

27 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

28 THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS
29 SUBTITLE.

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1 (B) *COPIES TO BE FILED WITH LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE.*

2 A COPY OF ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION MUST BE FILED
3 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BEFORE THEY BECOME EFFECTIVE.

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

7 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on ~~the 30th day~~
8 ~~after the date it is enacted~~ January 1, 2017.

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