

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 07-0280R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Young, D’Adamo, Kraft, Middleton, Conaway

Introduced and read first time: March 26, 2007

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Recreation and Parks,
Department of Finance, Police Department, Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Investigative Hearing – Dirt Bike Park in Baltimore City**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting that the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks
4 investigate the feasibility of opening and operating a dirt bike park or trail in Baltimore City
5 to accommodate the number of riders in the City, as well as to provide our youth and adults
6 who wish to ride with a safe and practical place to do so, and brief the City Council on their
7 findings.

8 **Recitals**

9 Currently, the law in Baltimore City prohibits the driving or riding of any dirt bike on any
10 public or private property that is located in Baltimore City. A dirt bike park or trail not only
11 would provide riders with a safe and legal place to use their bikes, but would also provide youth
12 riders with a place to go, meet, and compete with other youths and adults who are interested in
13 the riding of dirt bikes.

14 There are a number of dirt bike trails in the State of Maryland; however, none are in the
15 vicinity of Baltimore City. In order to keep riders off City streets and safe while riding, the
16 Department of Recreation and Parks is requested to investigate if there is an appropriate area for
17 a track or trail, and, if there is an area that is found to be appropriate, what would need to be
18 done in order to create such a park.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That this
20 Body requests that the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks investigate the
21 feasibility of opening and operating a dirt bike park or trail in Baltimore City to accommodate
22 the number of riders in the City, as well as provide our youth and adults who wish to ride with a
23 safe and practical place to do so, and brief the City Council on their findings.

24 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
25 Director of the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Mayor’s Legislative
26 Liaison to the City Council.

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