

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 10-0436

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Middleton, D’Adamo, Branch, Young, Kraft, Holton,
Henry, Cole, Welch, Reisinger, Spector
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Council action: Adopted
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AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

BMore Streets for People Program – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing a BMore Streets for People Program; providing for the administration of the BMore Streets for People Program; defining certain terms; establishing a BMore Streets for People Advisory Board; providing for the composition of the Advisory Board; establishing the duties of the Advisory Board; establishing a special effective date; and generally relating to BMore Streets for People.

By adding

Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Section(s) 15-1 to 15-22, to be under the new subtitle,
“Subtitle 15. BMore Streets for People”
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 31. Transit and Traffic

SUBTITLE 15. BMORE STREETS FOR PEOPLE

PART I. DEFINITIONS.

§ 15-1. DEFINITIONS.

(A) *IN GENERAL.*

IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

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 (B) *ADVISORY BOARD.*

2 “ADVISORY BOARD” MEANS THE BMORE STREETS FOR PEOPLE ADVISORY BOARD
3 ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

4 (C) *BMORE STREETS FOR PEOPLE; PROGRAM.*

5 “BMORE STREETS FOR PEOPLE” OR “PROGRAM” MEANS THE BMORE STREETS FOR
6 PEOPLE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

7 (D) *DIRECTOR.*

8 “DIRECTOR” MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION OR THE DIRECTOR’S DESIGNEE.

9 **§ 15-2. {RESERVED}**

10 ***PART II. PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT; PURPOSE***

11 **§ 15-3. PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.**

12 THERE IS A BMORE STREETS FOR PEOPLE PROGRAM.

13 **§ 15-4. PURPOSE OF PROGRAM.**

14 THE PURPOSE OF THE BMORE STREETS FOR PEOPLE PROGRAM IS TO CREATE ECONOMIC,
15 HEALTH, AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS BY PERIODICALLY ~~CLOSING CERTAIN STREETS TO~~
16 RESTRICTING MOTORIZED TRAFFIC ON CERTAIN STREETS IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS
17 TO ENJOY CAMARADERIE, BICYCLE RIDING, WALKING, AND EXERCISE ON MAIN ROADS IN THEIR
18 NEIGHBORHOODS.

19 **§ 15-5. {RESERVED}**

20 ***PART III. ADMINISTRATION.***

21 **§ 15-6. DoT TO ADMINISTER.**

22 THE PROGRAM IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WITH THE
23 ADVICE OF THE BMORE STREETS FOR PEOPLE ADVISORY BOARD.

24 **§ 15-7. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

25 THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO:

- 26 (1) IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM; AND
- 27 (2) OTHERWISE CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE.

28 **§ 15-8. DESIGNATION OF ROUTES, SCHEDULES.**

29 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

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1 IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISORY BOARD, THE DIRECTOR MAY DESIGNATE ROUTES
2 AND SCHEDULES ON CITY STREETS FOR THE BMORE STREETS FOR PEOPLE PROGRAM.

3 (B) "LAKE TO LAKE" ROUTE.

4 IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISORY BOARD, THE DIRECTOR WILL DESIGNATE AN
5 INITIAL "LAKE TO LAKE" ROUTE RUNNING FROM LAKE MONTEBELLO TO DRUID HILL
6 LAKE.

7 (C) ADDITIONAL ROUTES.

8 ADDITIONAL ROUTES MAY BE DESIGNATED UNDER THIS SECTION IF A NEIGHBORHOOD
9 ASSOCIATION REQUESTS THAT IT BE ALLOWED TO HOST A BMORE STREETS FOR PEOPLE
10 EVENT IN ITS NEIGHBORHOOD.

11 **§ 15-9. ROAD CLOSURES EXCLUSION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.**

12 The Director may ~~close streets to~~ exclude motor vehicles from streets along designated
13 BMore Streets for People routes during Program events, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES' PERMIT PROCESS.

15 **§ 15-10. ~~RESERVED~~ REGULAR PROCESSES TO APPLY.**

16 NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED AS WAIVING THE USUAL PERMITTING
17 PROCESSES, OR FEES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES REQUIRED TO ENSURE SAFETY, THAT WOULD
18 OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED TO CONDUCT THE PROGRAM.

19 **PART IV. ADVISORY BOARD.**

20 **§ 15-11. BOARD ESTABLISHED.**

21 THERE IS A BMORE STREETS FOR PEOPLE ADVISORY BOARD.

22 **§ 15-12. ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP.**

23 (A) IN GENERAL.

24 (1) THE ADVISORY BOARD CONSISTS OF ~~24~~ 26 MEMBERS.

25 (2) OF THESE:

26 (i) ~~9~~ 19 MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH
27 ARTICLE IV, § 6 OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CHARTER;

28 ~~(ii) 9 MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL; AND~~

29 (ii) 7 ~~(iii) 6~~ MEMBERS ARE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES.

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1 (B) *APPOINTED MEMBERS.*

2 THE ~~18~~ 19 APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ARE AS FOLLOWS:

3 (1) ~~2~~ AT-LARGE MEMBERS, ~~APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR;~~

4 (2) ~~4~~ MEMBERS NOMINATED BY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND APPOINTED BY THE
5 MAYOR, 1 FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

6 (i) ONE LESS CAR;

7 (ii) ROLAND PARK CIVIC LEAGUE;

8 (iii) MAYOR'S BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND

9 (iv) A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OR FOUNDATION WITH A HISTORY OF
10 SUPPORT FOR THE **BMORE STREETS FOR PEOPLE PROGRAM**, THE
11 PROGRAM'S CYCLOVIA MODEL, AND THE PROGRAM'S SUNDAY STREETS
12 PREDECESSOR.

13 (3) ~~3~~ MEMBERS NOMINATED BY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTING
14 NEIGHBORHOODS ALONG ANY PROPOSED **BMORE STREETS FOR PEOPLE ROUTE**
15 AND APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR.

16 (4) ~~9~~ 10 MEMBERS ~~APPOINTED~~ RECOMMENDED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY
17 COUNCIL ~~TO REPRESENT NEIGHBORHOODS ALONG THE PROPOSED "LAKE TO-~~
18 ~~LAKE" (MONTEBELLO TO DRUID HILL) ROUTE~~, AS FOLLOWS:

19 (i) 1 FROM THE NEIGHBORHOODS ALONG THE PROPOSED "LAKE -TO-LAKE"
20 (MONTEBELLO TO DRUID HILL) ROUTE;

21 ~~(i)~~ ~~3~~ (ii) 4 FROM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS;

22 ~~(ii)~~ ~~2~~ (iii) 1 FROM LOCAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS;

23 ~~(iii)~~ (iv) 2 FROM LOCAL RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS, NON-PROFIT
24 ORGANIZATIONS, OR FOUNDATIONS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF AND SUPPORT
25 FOR THE **BMORE STREETS FOR PEOPLE PROGRAM**; AND

26 ~~(iv)~~ (v) 2 FROM ~~LOCAL~~ SCHOOLS.

27 (C) *AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES.*

28 THE ~~6~~ 7 AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES ARE THE FOLLOWING, OR THEIR DESIGNATED
29 REPRESENTATIVES:

30 (1) THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION;

31 (2) THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER;

32 (3) THE DIRECTOR OF THE BALTIMORE OFFICE OF PROMOTION AND THE ARTS;

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1 (4) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY;

2 (5) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOODS; ~~AND~~

3 (6) THE POLICE COMMISSIONER; AND

4 (7) THE DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES.

5 ~~(D) APPOINTMENT WITHOUT REGARD TO POLITICAL AFFILIATION.~~

6 ~~THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS MUST BE MADE WITHOUT REGARD TO POLITICAL~~
7 ~~AFFILIATION.~~

8 **§ 15-13. TERMS, COMPENSATION, VACANCIES.**

9 (A) *TERMS OF OFFICE.*

10 (1) ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS SERVE FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS, CONCURRENT WITH THE
11 TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL.

12 (2) AT THE END OF A TERM, AN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A
13 SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

14 (B) *COMPENSATION; EXPENSES.*

15 MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD:

16 (1) ARE NOT ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES; BUT

17 (2) ARE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED, AS PROVIDED IN THE
18 ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

19 (C) *VACANCIES.*

20 A MEMBER APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY IN AN UNEXPIRED TERM SERVES ONLY FOR THE
21 REMAINDER OF THAT TERM.

22 **§ 15-14. OFFICERS; COMMITTEES.**

23 (A) *OFFICERS.*

24 (1) THE MAYOR MUST DESIGNATE A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD TO SERVE AS ITS
25 CHAIR.

26 (2) MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD MAY SELECT ANY OTHER OFFICERS THEY
27 CONSIDER NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE.

28 (B) *COMMITTEES.*

29 THE CHAIR MAY APPOINT COMMITTEES TO ASSIST THE ADVISORY BOARD IN CARRYING
30 OUT ITS FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES.

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§ 15-15. MEETINGS; QUORUM.

(A) *IN GENERAL.*

(1) THE ADVISORY BOARD MAY MEET, AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR, AS FREQUENTLY AS REQUIRED TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES.

(2) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD CONSTITUTES A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

(3) AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE BY THE MAJORITY OF A QUORUM IS NEEDED FOR ANY OFFICIAL ACTION.

(B) *RULES OF PROCEDURE.*

THE ADVISORY BOARD MAY ADOPT RULES OF PROCEDURE TO GOVERN ITS MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES.

(C) *FAILURE TO ATTEND MEETINGS.*

IF ANY MEMBER IS ABSENT FROM REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS MORE THAN 3 TIMES IN 1 YEAR, NOT COUNTING ABSENCES EXCUSED BY THE CHAIR:

(1) THE MEMBER IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE RESIGNED; AND

(2) THE CHAIR MUST ~~REQUEST THAT THE MEMBER'S APPOINTING AUTHORITY FILL THE RESULTANT VACANCY~~ RECOMMEND FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR, A REPLACEMENT MEMBER WITH SIMILAR QUALIFICATIONS TO THE RESIGNING MEMBER.

§ 15-16. ~~VOLUNTEERS~~ *{RESERVED}*.

~~THE ADVISORY BOARD MAY ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF VOLUNTEER WORKERS AND CONSULTANTS, WITHOUT SALARY.~~

§ 15-17. BUDGET.

THE ADVISORY BOARD MAY EXPEND FUNDS AS AUTHORIZED IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

§ 15-18. POWERS AND DUTIES.

(A) *IN GENERAL.*

THE BMORE STREETS FOR PEOPLE ADVISORY BOARD MAY UNDERTAKE THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

(B) *ROUTING AND PROGRAMMING.*

THE ADVISORY BOARD MAY:

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1 (1) PROPOSE PILOT AND PERMANENT ROUTES FOR THE BMORE STREETS FOR PEOPLE
2 PROGRAM; AND

3 (2) RECOMMEND PROGRAMMING ENHANCEMENTS AND OTHER SERVICES WHEN A NEED
4 FOR THEM IS DETERMINED BY THE ADVISORY BOARD.

5 (C) *ADVICE.*

6 THE ADVISORY BOARD MAY ~~PROPOSE~~ MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT SOLUTIONS AND
7 ALTERNATIVES FOR ROUTING CHALLENGES, PROGRAMMING, COMMUNICATION
8 STRATEGIES, AND THE COST EFFECTIVE USE OF CITY PERSONNEL.

9 (D) *RESEARCH AND EDUCATION.*

10 TO GAUGE THE IMPACT OF THE BMORE STREETS FOR PEOPLE PROGRAM ON
11 PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES, THE ADVISORY BOARD MUST RESEARCH AND MEASURE
12 THE FOLLOWING IN NEIGHBORHOODS ALONG PROGRAM ROUTES:

13 (1) LEVEL OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN BMORE STREETS FOR PEOPLE PLANNING
14 AND IMPLEMENTATION;

15 (2) DIVERSITY OF PARTICIPATION AMONG AGE GROUPS AND NONPROFIT
16 ORGANIZATIONS; AND

17 (3) EVIDENCE OF ENHANCED SOCIABILITY AND HEALTHY ACTIVITIES.

18 (E) *MONITOR PROGRAM.*

19 THE ADVISORY BOARD MAY:

20 (1) REVIEW AND MONITOR THE SUCCESSES AND LESSONS LEARNED IN CONDUCTING
21 THE BMORE STREETS FOR PEOPLE PROGRAM IN BALTIMORE CITY; AND

22 (2) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROMOTING THE EFFORTS OF THE PROGRAM.

23 (F) *ADVISE AND COUNSEL.*

24 THE ADVISORY BOARD MAY:

25 (1) ~~ADVISE AND COUNSEL~~ PROVIDE EDUCATION TO THE RESIDENTS OF BALTIMORE
26 CITY, THE CITY COUNCIL, THE MAYOR, AND THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND
27 AGENCIES OF THE CITY ON PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES; AND

28 (2) RECOMMEND PROGRAMS AND LEGISLATION ~~IF CONSIDERS NECESSARY AND PROPER~~
29 TO PROMOTE AND ENSURE THE CONTINUED SUCCESS AND EXPANSION OF THE
30 PROGRAM THROUGHOUT BALTIMORE CITY.

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1 (G) *EVALUATE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS.*

2 THE ADVISORY BOARD MAY REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF EXISTING AND
3 PROPOSED POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE BMORE STREETS FOR
4 PEOPLE PROGRAM.

5 (H) ~~SEEK TO REMOVE IMPEDIMENTS.~~

6 ~~THE ADVISORY BOARD MUST SEEK TO REMOVE ANY IMPEDIMENTS TO CONDUCTING AND~~
7 ~~EXPANDING PROGRAM EVENTS.~~

8 **§ 15-20. {RESERVED}**

9 *PART V. AGENCY ASSISTANCE; ANNUAL REPORTS*

10 **§ 15-21. AGENCY ASSISTANCE {RESERVED}.**

11 ~~AT THE REQUEST OF THE DIRECTOR OR THE ADVISORY BOARD, ALL CITY OFFICIALS AND~~
12 ~~AGENCIES MUST EXTEND THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES REQUIRED FOR THE PROGRAM,~~
13 ~~INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING OF STREET CONTROL VOLUNTEERS, TO THE EXTENT THAT~~
14 ~~THOSE OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES ARE ABLE TO DO SO GIVEN THEIR PERSONNEL AND BUDGETS.~~

15 **§ 15-22. ANNUAL REPORTS.**

16 THE DIRECTOR AND THE ADVISORY BOARD MUST SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THEIR
17 ACTIVITIES TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.

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

21 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it
22 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