

# City of Baltimore

City Council  
City Hall, Room 408  
100 North Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Judiciary Committee

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Tuesday, August 4, 2020

10:00 AM Webex Hearing: Phone: 408-418-9388, Access code: 129 497 8251, Password: Public,  
<https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?MTID=e70065357c6c7fa08ea24469e0629198b>

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20-0546

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### INTRODUCTIONS

#### ATTENDANCE

**Present** 7 - Eric T. Costello, Mary Pat Clarke, John T. Bullock, Leon F. Pinkett III, Edward Reisinger, Shannon Sneed, and Robert Stokes Sr.

#### ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

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##### Natural Resources - Forest and Tree Conservation

For the purpose of amending the Forest and Tree Conservation provisions of Article 7 of the Baltimore City Code to comply with new State requirements, to coordinate with other City environmental requirements, and to align the Code with existing policy; correcting certain references; allowing for mitigation to be provided through forest mitigation banks located within the City; updating the requirements for mitigation fee usage; aligning the allowed uses of forest conservation funds with the definitions allowed by the State; adding annual reporting and biennial review requirements, as required by the State; reducing the amount of required land that triggers a review to conform with the amount of required land for grading or building permits; requiring that a Forest Stand Delineation be an element of other reviews, including Site Plan Review, subdivision, grading, and erosion and sediment control; requiring that all grading and building permits, and sediment, and erosion control, subdivision, or development plan approvals be conditioned on approval of and compliance with an approved Forest Conservation Plan; modifying mitigation fees to conform with Critical Area and Landscape Manual mitigation fees and modifying the amount of violation fines; adding a definition for "critical root zone" to the Code and modifying the definition of "specimen tree"; allowing notifications to applicants to be sent by email; adding a specimen tree mitigation policy to the Code; requiring that applicants notify adjacent property owners for significant impacts to off-site specimen trees; establishing a procedure, with criteria and requirements, for modifying existing forest conservation easements; clarifying that variances may be granted in advance of activity requiring Forest Conservation approval and that variances may not be granted after violation of the provisions of this Code; and generally relating to forest and tree conservation; and approving and adopting a new Baltimore City Forest Conservation

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**Sponsors:** City Council President (Administration), John T. Bullock, Ryan Dorsey, Bill Henry, Kristerfer Burnett, Mary Pat Clarke, Shannon Sneed, Zeke Cohen

**A motion was made by Bullock, seconded by Pinkett, III, that this Ordinance be Recommended Favorably with Amendment. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Costello, Clarke, Bullock, Pinkett III, Reisinger, Sneed, and Stokes Sr.

## **ADJOURNMENT**