

SPECIAL MEETING

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FOURTH COUNCILMANIC YEAR - SESSION OF 2020-2024

**JOURNAL**  
**CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**

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May 16, 2024

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The meeting opened with a moment of silent reflection.

The President and members of the Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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The City Council of Baltimore met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Nicholas J. Mosby, President, and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Ramos Absent: Burnett, Stokes, Glover

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**JOURNAL APPROVED**

The Journal of the May 1, 2024 Special Meeting was read and approved.

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**Journal of the City Council**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

**APPROVED BY THE MAYOR**

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

May 16, 2024

The Honorable Nick J. Mosby, Council President  
Baltimore City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Honorable President Mosby and Members of the City Council:

I am pleased to inform your Honorable Body that I have signed into law this day the following bills:

**22-0273 – Sale of Property - 3750 Greenspring Avenue**

For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 3750 Greenspring Avenue (Block 3327E; Lot 001) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

**24-0493 – Sale of Property - 1807 Harlem Avenue**

For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 1807 Harlem Avenue (Block 0108, Lot 030) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

In service,

Brandon M. Scott  
Mayor

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**INTRODUCTION AND READ FIRST TIME**

The President laid before the City Council the following bills and Resolutions of the Mayor and City Council for first reading:

**Bill No. 24-0523** – By City Council President (Administration – Board of School Commissioners)

An Ordinance approving the budget estimated to be needed for the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners for operating programs during Fiscal 2025; providing for certification of the approved budget to the State Superintendent of Schools; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0524** – By President Mosby

An Ordinance requiring the Board of Estimates to hold a certain hearing to present certain fiscal estimates; requiring the Board to provide certain final fiscal estimates; making conforming changes; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0525** – By President Mosby

An Ordinance expanding the membership of the Board of Finance; establishing terms for appointed members of the Board; providing for the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair; establishing rules for quorum and voting; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0526** – By President Mosby

An Ordinance amending the membership of the Board of Estimates; making conforming changes; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0527** – By President Mosby

An Ordinance authorizing the City Council to retain the services of an independent director budget and finance; providing for the qualifications and term of that director; specifying the duties of that director; providing for the director's compensation and expenses; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0528** – By President Mosby

An Ordinance establishing a date certain when the Board of Estimates shall deliver the Ordinance of Estimates to the City Council; making conforming changes; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0529** – By Councilmember Schleifer and the City Council President (Administration – Department of Transportation)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance 23-232; supporting the designation of an expanded State Transit-Oriented Development for Reisterstown Plaza, the area surrounding and including the Reisterstown Plaza metro Subway Link Station; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0530** – By Councilmember Bullock and City Council President (Administration – Department of Transportation)

An Ordinance supporting a State Transit-Oriented Development designation for the area surrounding and including the West Baltimore MARC Station; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0531** – By Councilmember Costello

An Ordinance reviewing, renewing and continuing the Midtown Community Benefits District and the Midtown Community Benefits Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Midtown Community Benefits District and the Midtown Community Benefits Management Authority.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0532** – By the City Council President (Administration – Office of the Mayor)

An Ordinance amending certain provisions of the Fire and Police Employees' Retirement System; changing the definition of "average final compensation"; providing a new deferred vested benefit; eliminating the 2-year waiting period for commencement of post-retirement benefit increases; repealing obsolete provisions relating to post-retirement benefit increases; changing the interest earned on DROP 2 accounts; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Fire and Police Employees' Retirement System.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0533** – By Councilmember Bullock

An Ordinance permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 4 dwelling units in the R-8 Zoning district on the property known as 15 North Stricker Street (Block 0197, Lot 020), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and granting variances from off-street parking requirements; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0534** – By the City Council President (Administration – Department of Planning)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to General Assembly House Resolution I and Senate Resolution I of 2024 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell, at any time or from time to time and in one or more series its certificates of indebtedness as evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding TWENTY Million (\$20,000,000.00) from the sale of such certificates of indebtedness to be used for the cost of issuance, including the expense of engraving, printing, advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected therewith (which may include the proportion of the compensation of employees and general administrative expenses of the Department of Finance reasonably allocated to the issuance of the

bonds); and the remainder of such proceeds shall be used for or in connection with planning, developing, executing, and making operative the Affordable Housing program of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, including, but not limited to, the acquisition, by purchase, lease, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any right, interest, franchise, easement or privilege therein, in the City of Baltimore; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with or incidental to the acquisition and management of said land or property, including any and all rights of interest therein hereinbefore mentioned; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with relocating and moving persons or other legal entities displaced by the acquisition of said land or property, or any of the rights or interest therein hereinbefore mentioned, in the City of Baltimore; the development or redevelopment, including, but not limited to, the comprehensive renovation or rehabilitation of, any land or property, or any rights or interests therein hereinbefore mentioned, in the City of Baltimore, and the disposition of land and property for such purposes; costs related to the rehabilitation and new construction of and operation of rental and homeownership developments, such costs to include but not be limited to relocation assistance, rental payment and home purchase assistance, housing counseling and project financing comprised of loans (including forgivable or fully amortizing) or grants or other related activities and buyer education assistance, and activities to support the orderly and sustainable planning, preservation, rehabilitation, and development of economically diverse housing in City neighborhoods; support for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; the elimination of unhealthful, unsanitary or unsafe conditions, lessening density, eliminating obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare or otherwise removing or preventing the spread of blight or deterioration in the City of Baltimore; the demolition, removal, relocation, renovation or alteration of land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements, and for the construction, reconstruction, installation, relocation or repair of buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for, or in connection with, doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including, but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning, designing, architectural, surveying, and other professional services; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; authorizing the submission of this Ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the General Election to be held in Baltimore City, on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 2024; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of such certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0535** – By the City Council President (Administration – Department of Planning)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to General Assembly House Resolution II and Senate Resolution II of 2024 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell, at any time or from time to time and in one or more series its certificates of indebtedness as evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding FIFTY-FIVE Million Dollars (\$55,000,000.00) from the sale of such certificates of indebtedness to be used for the cost of issuance, including the expense of engraving, printing, advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected therewith (which may include the proportion of the compensation of employees and general administrative expenses of the Department of Finance reasonably allocated to the issuance of the bonds); and the remainder of such proceeds shall be used for the acquisition, by purchase, lease, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any rights therein, in the City of Baltimore, and demolishing, constructing and erecting on said land or property, or on any land or property now or hereafter owned by the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners and/or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, new school buildings, athletic and other auxiliary facilities including community health and recreation facilities, and for additions and improvements to, or the modernization or reconstruction of, including the inspection, removal, encapsulation, management, containment and abatement of asbestos from existing facilities, and for equipment for any and all new or existing facilities authorized to be constructed, erected, added, improved, modernized or reconstructed by the provisions hereof; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including, but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning, designing, architectural, surveying, and other professional services, including, without limitation, services relating to planning for future projects of the same general character which may be constructed out of future loans; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds; conferring certain powers upon the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; imposing certain conditions in connection with the expenditure of the proceeds derived from the sale of said certificates of indebtedness; conferring and imposing upon the Board of Finance of Baltimore City certain powers and duties; authorizing the submission of this Ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the Election to be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 2024, and providing for the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of said certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0536** – By the City Council President (Administration – Department of Planning)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to General Assembly House Resolution III and Senate Resolution III of 2024 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness as evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding FIFTY Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) from the sale of such certificates of indebtedness to be used for the cost of issuance, including the expense of engraving, printing, advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected therewith (which may include the proportion of the compensation of employees and general administrative expenses of the Department of Finance reasonably allocated to the issuance of the bonds); and the remainder of such proceeds to be used for or in connection with planning, developing, executing, and making operative the community, commercial and industrial economic development programs of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, including, but not limited to, the acquisition, by purchase, lease, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any right, interest, franchise, easement or privilege therein, in the City of Baltimore; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with or incidental to the acquisition and management of said land or property, including any and all rights or interest therein hereinbefore mentioned; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with relocating and moving persons or other legal entities displaced by the acquisition of said land or property, or any of the rights or interest therein hereinbefore mentioned; the development or redevelopment, including, but not limited to, the comprehensive renovation or rehabilitation of any land or property, or any rights or interests therein hereinbefore mentioned, in the City of Baltimore; and the disposition of land and property for such purposes; the elimination of unhealthful, unsanitary, or unsafe conditions, lessening density, eliminating obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare or otherwise removing or preventing the spread of blight or deterioration in the City of Baltimore; building from strength; stabilizing middle neighborhoods, strengthening neighborhood retail corridors, the creation of healthy, sanitary, and safe, and green conditions in the City of Baltimore; the demolition, removal, relocation, renovation or alteration of land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements and for the construction, reconstruction, installation, relocation or repair of buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements; making loans and grants to various projects and programs related to growing businesses in the City; attracting and retaining jobs; providing homeownership incentives and home repair assistance; making loans and grants to various projects and programs related to improving the cultural life and promotion of tourism in Baltimore City; and the lending or granting of funds to any person or other legal entity to be used for or in connection with the rehabilitation, renovation, redevelopment, improvement or construction of buildings and structures to be used or occupied for residential or commercial purposes and the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for, or in connection with, doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including, but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning, designing, architectural, surveying, and other professional services; and for doing any and all



things necessary, proper, or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; all such land or property shall be

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0537** – By the City Council President (Administration – Department of Planning)

An Ordinance f authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to General Assembly House Resolution IV and Senate Resolution IV of 2024 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness as evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00) from the sale of such certificates of indebtedness to be used for the cost of issuance, including the expense of engraving, printing, advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected therewith (which may include the proportion of the compensation of employees and general administrative expenses of the Department of Finance reasonably allocated to the issuance of the bonds); for the development of the public infrastructure owned or controlled by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and the construction and development of streets, bridges, courthouses, city office buildings, police stations, fire stations, solid waste facilities, information technology, public park and recreational and related land, property, buildings, structures or facilities including but not limited to, the acquisition by purchase, lease, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any rights therein, in the City of Baltimore, and constructing and erecting on said land or property, or on any land or property, new buildings, structures, and auxiliary facilities; and for the renovation, alteration, construction, reconstruction, installation, improvement and repair of existing infrastructure, buildings, structures or facilities, to be or now being used for or in connection with the operations, functions and activities of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the demolition, removal, relocation, renovation or alteration of land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements, and for the construction, reconstruction, installation, relocation or repair of buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, including information technology infrastructure, and other structures or improvements; for the acquisition and installation of trees or for tree planting programs; and for the acquisition and installation of equipment and fixtures for any and all facilities authorized to be constructed, erected, altered, reconstructed, renovated, installed or improved by the provisions hereof; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning, designing, architectural, surveying and other professional services; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds; conferring and imposing upon the Board of Finance of Baltimore City certain powers and duties; authorizing the submission of this Ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the General Election to be held in Baltimore City on Tuesday, the 5th

day of November, 2024; and providing for the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of said certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0538** – By Councilmember Conway and the City Council President  
(Administration – Department of Housing and Community Development)

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in certain property that is located at 411 East Old Cold Spring Lane (Block 5070A, Lot 022) and is no longer needed for public use; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0539** – By Councilmember Costello

An Ordinance changing the name of Cromwell Street, between Clarkson Street and McComas Street, to Vision Street.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0540** – By Councilmember Ramos

An Ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Coldstream Homestead Montebello to prohibit development of multi-family dwelling units within the Project Area; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0541** – By Councilmember Ramos

An Ordinance requiring certain disclosures in order to sell a property that is located in an area subject to an Urban Renewal Plan; defining certain terms; and providing for certain penalties.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0542** – By Councilmember Middleton

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the properties known as 3701-3733 Towanda Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-6 Zoning District to the C-1 Zoning District.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

**Bill No. 24-0219R** – By Councilmember Porter

An Ordinance inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Health Department, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Housing and Community Development to discuss citywide rat abatement efforts, including reducing the rodent population, collaboration of City agencies on coordinated abatement measures, and the status of the Health Department's Bureau of Vector Control.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the Health, Environment, and Technology Committee.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 2149, AND 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2162, AND 2163 ADOPTED UNDER RULE 3-9.

The resolutions were read.

The roll was called on the adoption of the resolutions, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Ramos - Total 12.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Burnett, Stokes, Glover - Total 3.

The President declared the resolutions adopted under Rule 3-9.

**Ceremonial Resolutions will be found at the end of the Journal.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**BILL NO. 24-0502 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,  
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Schleifer, for the Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee, reported Bill No. 24-0502 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance adopting a revised Building, Fire, and Related Codes Article, comprising the Maryland Building Performance Standards (effective May 29, 2023), the International Building Code (2021 Edition), the National Electrical Code (2020 Edition), the International Fuel Gas Code (2021 Edition), the International Mechanical Code (2021 Edition), the International Plumbing Code (2021 Edition), the International Property Maintenance Code (2021 Edition), the International Fire Code (2021 Edition), the International Energy Conservation Code (2021 Edition), the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings (2021 Edition), the International Green Conservation Code (2021 Edition), and the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (2021 Edition), all as supplemented, amended, or otherwise modified by this Ordinance; providing for the effect, construction, and effective date of these new standards and codes; conforming, correcting, and clarifying certain language; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the adoption of new building, fire, property maintenance, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and related codes for Baltimore City.

## Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 24-0502

**Amendment No. 1**

On page 16, after line 3, insert:

“N. RETAIL: BIG BOX ESTABLISHMENT;”;

and, on that same page, in lines 4 and 5, strike “n.” and “o.”, respectively, and substitute “O.” and “P.”, respectively.

**Amendment No. 2**

On page 19, in line 18, strike “MUST” and substitute “SHALL”; and, on that same page, in line 20, strike “A RESPONSIBLE PERSON OR OFFICIAL ACTING FOR”; and, on that same page, in that same line, after “APPLICANT” insert “OR THE APPLICANT’S AGENT”.

**Amendment No. 3**

On page 21, in line 1, strike “60” and substitute “[60] 90”; and, on that same page, in line 7, strike “before the permit expires,” and substitute “[before the permit expires,] WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THAT THE PERMIT EXPIRED.”.

**Amendment No. 4**

On page 27, in line 22, strike “30” and substitute “[30] 90”; and, on that same page, in line 24, strike “31 - 60” and substitute “31 - 90”.

**Amendment No. 5**

On page 44, in line 8, strike “promptly”; and, on that same page, in that same line strike “abated,” and substitute “ABATED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE ISSUANCE OF A VIOLATION NOTICE,”; and, on that same page, in line 9, strike “promptly,” and substitute “WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE ISSUANCE OF A VIOLATION NOTICE,”; and, on that same page, in line 10, after “proceedings.” insert: “PROVIDED HOWEVER, FOR AN EMERGENT ISSUE, AS DETERMINED BY THE BUILDING OFFICIAL, THE 14 DAY PERIOD TO ABATE OR COMPLY WITH THE NOTICE OR ORDER MAY BE WAIVED BY THE BUILDING OFFICIAL AND THE BUILDING OFFICIAL MAY INSTITUTE OR CAUSE TO BE INSTITUTED ANY APPROPRIATE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.”; and, on page 45, in line 22, strike “Each day” and substitute “IF A VIOLATION IS NOT DISCONTINUED, ABATED, OR COMPLIED WITH WITHIN 14 DAYS FROM THE ISSUANCE OF A VIOLATION NOTICE, EACH DAY THEREAFTER”; and, on that same page, in line 26, strike “as” and substitute “[as]”; and, on that same page, in line 30, strike “violations,” and substitute “violations,]”.

**Amendment No. 6**

On page 63, in lines 10 and 26, strike “10” and substitute “[10] 21”.

**Amendment No. 7**

On page 75, after line 27, insert:

**“202.2.57 UNSAFE STRUCTURE. “UNSAFE STRUCTURE” MEANS A STRUCTURE:**

1. THAT IS UNSAFE, INSANITARY, OR DEFICIENT BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE MEANS OF EGRESS FACILITIES OR INADEQUATE LIGHT AND VENTILATION,

2. THAT CONSTITUTES A FIRE HAZARD,
3. THAT IS OTHERWISE DANGEROUS TO HUMAN LIFE OR THE PUBLIC WELFARE,
4. THAT INVOLVES ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER OCCUPANCY, OR
5. THAT INVOLVES INADEQUATE MAINTENANCE.”;

and, on that same page, in lines 28 and 33, strike “**202.2.57**” and “**202.2.58**”, respectively, and substitute, “**202.2.58**” and “**202.2.59**”, respectively.

### **Amendment No. 8**

On page 83, in line 7, strike “**705**” and substitute “**704**”; and, on that same page, after line 7, insert:

#### **“SECTION 705 EXTERIOR WALLS**

##### **705.1 TO 705.4 {AS IN IBC}**

##### **705.5 FIRE-RESISTANCE RATINGS.**

**705.5.1 EXTERIOR WALLS.** EXTERIOR WALLS SHALL BE FIRE RESISTANCE RATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TABLE 601, BASED ON THE TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION, AND TABLE 705.5, BASED ON THE FIRE SEPARATION DISTANCE. THE REQUIRED FIRE-RESISTANCE RATING OF EXTERIOR WALLS WITH A FIRE SEPARATION DISTANCE OF GREATER THAN 10 FEET (3048 MM) SHALL BE RATED FOR EXPOSURE TO FIRE FROM THE INSIDE. THE REQUIRED FIRE-RESISTANCE RATING OF EXTERIOR WALLS WITH A FIRE SEPARATION DISTANCE OF LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 10 FEET (3048 MM) SHALL BE RATED FOR EXPOSURE TO FIRE FROM BOTH SIDES.

**705.5.2 PORCH ROOFS – ABUTTING.** IN NEW CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, OR REPLACEMENT OF A PORCH ROOF THAT ABUTS ANOTHER PORCH ROOF FIRE-RETARDANT-TREATED WOOD SHEATHING SHALL BE INSTALLED.

##### **705.6 TO 705.11 {AS IN IBC}”.**

**Amendment No. 9**

On page 104, after line 30, insert:

“2902.4.1 GENDER-INCLUSIVE SIGNAGE. IF SEPARATE FACILITIES FOR EACH SEX ARE NOT REQUIRED, AS PERMITTED BY THE EXCEPTIONS TO § 2902.2 {“SEPARATE FACILITIES”} OF THIS CODE, THEN ARTICLE 15, § 43-3 {“REQUIREMENT FOR SINGLE-USER RESTROOMS”} OF THE CITY CODE MANDATES THAT A PUBLIC SINGLE-USER RESTROOM IN A COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENT, A PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION, OR A CITY-OWNED OR -OCCUPIED BUILDING SHALL BE:

1. MADE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY INDIVIDUALS OF ANY GENDER, AND
2. IDENTIFIED WITH GENDER-INCLUSIVE SIGNAGE.”.

**Amendment No. 10**

On page 128, in line 20, strike “1” and substitute “[1] 3”.

**Amendment No. 11**

On page 175, after line 6, insert:

“6. EXHAUST OUTLETS SERVING CREMATORIALS SHALL BE INSTALLED AT LEAST 200 FEET FROM THE PROPERTY LINE OF ANY ADJACENT PROPERTY.”.

**Amendment No. 12**

On page 231, in line 31, strike “Each day” and substitute “EXCEPT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENT ISSUE OR SITUATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE FIRE CODE OFFICIAL, IF A CONDITION IS NOT DISCONTINUED OR ABATED WITHIN 14 DAYS FROM THE ISSUANCE OF A VIOLATION NOTICE, EACH DAY THEREAFTER”; and, on page 232, in line 27 strike “Each day” and substitute “IF A CONDITION IS NOT DISCONTINUED OR ABATED WITHIN 14 DAYS FROM THE ISSUANCE OF A VIOLATION NOTICE, EACH DAY THEREAFTER”; and, on that same page, in line 29 strike “condition.” and substitute “CONDITION, IF MORE THAN 14 DAYS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE ISSUANCE OF THE PRIOR VIOLATION NOTICE. PROVIDED HOWEVER, FOR AN EMERGENT ISSUE, AS DETERMINED BY THE BUILDING OFFICIAL, THE 14 DAY PERIOD TO ABATE OR COMPLY WITH THE NOTICE OR ORDER MAY BE WAIVED BY THE BUILDING OFFICIAL AND THE BUILDING OFFICIAL MAY INSTITUTE OR CAUSE TO BE INSTITUTED ANY APPROPRIATE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.”.

**Amendment No. 13**

On page 2, in line 3, strike “41-14(5a)” and substitute “41-14(5) and (5a)”; and, on page 237, after line 13, insert:

**“405.2.3 BUILDINGS HOUSING SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS REQUIRING MOBILITY DEVICES. EVERY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WITH MORE THAN 10 RESIDENTS OVER THE AGE OF 62 OR, WHO USE A MOBILITY DEVICE, INCLUDING A WHEELCHAIR OR CRUTCHES, MUST HAVE:**

1. A WRITTEN PLAN FOR EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES; AND
2. AT LEAST 3 EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILLS EACH YEAR, TO BE ARRANGED BY THE OWNER OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BUILDING, IN COORDINATION WITH THE FIRE CODE OFFICIAL.”;

and, on page 349, before line 11, insert:

**“(5) Building, Fire, and Related Codes Article – Fire Code**

<u>§ 108.6. Maintenance: Overcrowding</u>	
<u>1-99 persons over capacity</u>	<u>\$250</u>
<u>100-199 persons over capacity</u>	<u>\$500</u>
<u>200 or more persons over capacity</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
<u>§ 405.2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILLS: FREQUENCY</u>	
<u>405.2.3. BUILDINGS HOUSING SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS REQUIRING MOBILITY DEVICES</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
<u>§ 1001.2. Means of Egress: Minimum requirements</u>	<u>\$250”.</u>

**Amendment No. 14**

On page 242, strike lines 4 through 7 in their entireties and substitute:

**“EXCEPTIONS: CARE FACILITIES NO MORE THAN 2 STORIES ABOVE GRADE THAT ARE EQUIPPED WITH:**

1. A MONITORED FIRE DETECTION SYSTEM,



2. A MONITORED SMOKE ALARM SYSTEM,
3. SELF-CLOSING 20-MINUTE FIRE-RATED DOORS IN ALL SLEEPING AREAS, AND
4. AN APPROVED EMERGENCY RESCUE OPENING IN ALL SLEEPING AREAS.”.

**Amendment No. 15**

On page 279, after line 35, insert:

**“SECTION 302 FIRE-RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION**

**302.1 EXTERIOR WALLS. {AS IN IRC}**

**302.1.1 PORCH ROOFS – ABUTTING. IN NEW CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, OR REPLACEMENT OF A PORCH ROOF THAT ABUTS ANOTHER PORCH ROOF FIRE-RETARDANT-TREATED WOOD SHEATHING SHALL BE INSTALLED.**

**302.2 TO 302.14 {AS IN IRC}”;**

and, on page 380, in line 1, strike “**302**” and substitute “**303**”.

**Amendment No. 16**

On page 12, in line 20, strike “I” and substitute “IS”; and, on page 89, in line 13, strike “SPLASH PAD” and substitute “SPLASH PADS”; and, on page 96, in line 27, strike “whe” and substitute “WHEN”; and, on page 97, in line 12, strike “recep” and substitute “RECEIPT”; and on that same page, in line 23, strike “ta” and substitute “TAX”; and, on page 259, in line 16, strike “Chapter; or” and substitute “CHAPTER.”; and, on page 73, in line 14, strike “[2018]” and substitute “[2015]”; and, on page 318, in line 10, strike “**701.4.33.9**” and substitute “**701.4.3.9**”; and, on page 319, after line 8, insert “**701.5.3 ZERO ENERGY PERFORMANCE INDEX. {AS IN IGCC}**”; and, on that same page, in line 9, strike “**701.5.3**” and substitute “**701.5.4**”; and, on that same page, in that same line, after “**SIMULATION**” insert “**AIDED**”.

The amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

The bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

**THIRD READING TODAY**

Councilmember Schleifer made a motion, which was duly seconded, to place Bill No. 24-0502 on third reading today.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Ramos - Total 12.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Burnett, Stokes, Glover - Total 3.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

**Bill No. 24-0502** - An Ordinance adopting a revised Building, Fire, and Related Codes Article, comprising the Maryland Building Performance Standards (effective May 29, 2023), the International Building Code (2021 Edition), the National Electrical Code (2020 Edition), the International Fuel Gas Code (2021 Edition), the International Mechanical Code (2021 Edition), the International Plumbing Code (2021 Edition), the International Property Maintenance Code (2021 Edition), the International Fire Code (2021 Edition), the International Energy Conservation Code (2021 Edition), the International Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings (2021 Edition), the International Green Conservation Code (2021 Edition), and the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (2021 Edition), all as supplemented, amended, or otherwise modified by this Ordinance; providing for the effect, construction, and effective date of these new standards and codes; conforming, correcting, and clarifying certain language; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the adoption of new building, fire, property maintenance, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and related codes for Baltimore City.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Ramos - Total 12.

Nays - 0.

Absent - Burnett, Stokes, Glover - Total 3.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilmember Middleton, duly seconded, the City Council adjourned to meet on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

CR 2149 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Bonnie Jennings on your relentless commitment to affordable housing development in Baltimore City.

CR 2150 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Yolonda Jenkins on your graduating from Baltimore City Community College, be proud of this moment you deserve this accomplishment.

CR 2151 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Anthony Harris, Gary Wilson, Alphonso Price, Sonjay Singh, Alonzo Washington, Vic Carter, Clarence Brown, Eric Brady, Rohan Rambukpotha, Quinten Davis, Timothy Ballard, Will Frazier (IUL), Desmond Jordan, Abdulmalik Shuaib, David Harmon, Sherod Magnum, Day Koroma, Jeremiah Montague, Jr., Chad Hall, and Roosevelt V. Boone, III on your leadership and dedication to Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and your contributions that will continue to last a lifetime.

CR 2152 Ramos

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Northwood Baseball League on 65 seasons, congratulations!

CR 2153 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Vann Ashe II, August 21, 1975 – April 13, 2024.

CR 2154 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Apostle Melvin B. Tuggle, II, November 20, 1949 – October 17, 2018.

CR 2155 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Kim Pinkney on your retirement after 12 years of dedicated and committed service to the Department of Public Works and its citizens.

CR 2156 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Mamie Victoria Williams, July 25, 1938 – April 17, 2024.

CR 2157 Conway

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Loyola University, Kat Grubb-Clark on your dedication and support with addressing innovative ways to addressing public safety.

CR 2158 Conway

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Transportation Secretary, Paul J. Wiedefeld on being named the Traffic Club of Baltimore's Person of the Year.

CR 2159 Cohen

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Cynthia Varner on your 43 years of service at Hampstead Hill Academy and your dedication to the students of Baltimore City.

CR 2160 Cohen

A Baltimore City Council Resolution congratulating Robert Berry on your 37 years of service at Hampstead Hill Academy and your dedication to the students of Baltimore City.

CR 2161 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of William E. Jackson, June 18, 1931 – April 16, 2024.

CR 2162 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Damon Alexander Lawson, Sr., August 27, 1973 – April 13, 2024.

CR 2163 President Mosby, All Members

A Baltimore City Council Resolution on the death of Sergeant Melvin "Sarge" Garrett, July 27, 1924 – April 6, 2024.