

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 26-0164
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Conway
Introduced and read first time: April 6, 2026
Assigned to: Charter Review Special Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Office of the Inspector General, City Administrator, Department of Legislative Reference

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – Inspector General – Custodian of Records**

3 FOR the purpose of designating the Inspector General as a custodian of agency records under
4 certain circumstances; providing constructive supervisory authority to the Inspector General
5 under certain circumstances; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the
6 City for adoption or rejection.

7 BY proposing to amend

8 Article X - Office of the Inspector General

9 Section 4

10 Baltimore City Charter

11 (1996 Edition)

12 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
13 City Charter is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

14 **Baltimore City Charter**

15 **Article 10. Office of the Inspector General**

16 **§ 4. Office of Inspector General: Powers and Duties.**

17 (a) *IG as head of Office.*

18 The Inspector General shall supervise and direct the Office of the Inspector General.

19 (b) *Responsibilities of Office.*

20 The Office of the Inspector General is responsible for:

21 (1) investigating complaints of fraud, financial waste, and abuse in City government;
22 and

23 (2) promoting efficiency, accountability, and integrity in City government.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (c) *Jurisdiction of Office.*

2 The Office of the Inspector General may investigate allegations that involve City
3 government and potential violations of laws or regulations by any:

- 4 (1) City elected official;
- 5 (2) City employee;
- 6 (3) member of a board or commission established or governed by the City Charter,
7 City Code, or an executive order issued by the Mayor;
- 8 (4) City contractor or person negotiating a contract with the City;
- 9 (5) person seeking certification to provide goods or services to the City; or
- 10 (6) external recipient of City funds, benefits, or services.

11 (d) *Issuing subpoenas.*

12 (1) To perform the duties of office, the Inspector General may issue a subpoena to
13 require:

- 14 (i) any person to appear under oath as a witness; or
- 15 (ii) the production of any information, document, report, record, account, or other
16 material.

17 (2) The Inspector General may enforce any subpoena issued pursuant to this subsection in
18 any court of competent jurisdiction.

19 (3) FOR PURPOSES OF INVESTIGATING FRAUD, FINANCIAL WASTE, AND ABUSE IN CITY
20 GOVERNMENT ONLY, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL:

- 21 (I) IS A DESIGNATED CUSTODIAN OF AGENCY RECORDS; AND
- 22 (II) HAS CONSTRUCTIVE SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY OVER AGENCY RECORDS AND
23 ANY PERSON WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE RECORDS, INCLUDING RECORDS
24 CONTAINING INFORMATION THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED A PERSONNEL ISSUE.

25 (e) *Annual report.*

26 (1) The Office of the Inspector General shall prepare and publish an annual report of the
27 Office's activities.

28 (2) The annual report may include recommendations regarding program weakness,
29 contracting irregularities, or other institutional problems discovered by the Office.

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1 (3) The annual report shall be:

2 (i) submitted to all of the members of the advisory board; and

3 (ii) after any redactions required by law, posted on the Office of the Inspector
4 General's website.

5 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this proposed amendment to the City
6 Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or rejection,
7 in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the
8 City Solicitor.