

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 21-0086

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Minority and Women’s Business Opportunity Office)
Introduced and read first time: May 17, 2021
Assigned to: Public Safety and Government Operations Committee

Committee Report: Favorable
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: July 19, 2021

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

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Minority and Women’s Business Program – Interim Extension

FOR the purpose of postponing, for an interim period, the automatic termination of the Minority and Women’s Business Program; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to City procurement requirements.

BY repealing and reordaining, without amendments
Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement
Section 28-3(a)(1)(iv)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments
Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement
Section 28-5
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 5. Finance, Property, and Procurement

**Subtitle 28. Minority and Women’s Business Enterprises;
Small Local Business Enterprises**

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 **§ 28-3. Legislative findings and policy.**

2 (a) *Findings.*

3 (1) The Mayor and City Council makes the findings contained in this subsection, on full
4 consideration of:

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6 (iv) the extensive findings of the 2014 Disparity Study, “The State of Minority
7 and Women-Owned Business Enterprise: Evidence from Baltimore”;

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9 **§ 28-5. Automatic termination.**

10 This subtitle automatically expires on [December 31, 2021] MAY 30, 2023, unless the City
11 Council, after causing an appropriate study to be undertaken, conducting public hearings, and
12 hearing testimonial evidence, finds that the purposes identified in this subtitle have not yet
13 been achieved, in which case this subtitle may be extended for 5 more years.

14 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the Mayor and City Council finds that the
15 existing disparity study remains a valid factual predicate for the Minority and Women’s Business
16 Program and provides sufficient legal justification for continuing the Program during the interim
17 extension period enacted by this Ordinance.

18 **SECTION 3. 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 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect when it is
22 enacted.

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Certified as duly passed this 16 day of August, 2021



President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 16 day of August, 2021



Chief Clerk

Approved this 10 day of October, 2021



Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency
This 23rd Day of August, 2021.



Chief Solicitor