

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 20-0562  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Sneed, President Scott, Councilmembers Dorsey, McCray,  
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Assigned to: Labor Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Police Department, Department of  
Human Resources, Mayor's Office

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Baltimore City Police Officials – Residency Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing residency requirements for certain Baltimore Police Department  
4 command staff; providing exceptions to these residency requirements; defining certain terms;  
5 providing for the prospective application of this Ordinance; generally relating to residency  
6 requirements, as limited by State law, for certain Baltimore Police Department employees;  
7 and providing for a special effective date.

8 BY authority of  
9 The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City  
10 Section 16-1(6), (7), (8), and 16-2A  
11 Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
12 (As Amended by Ch. 512, Acts of 2020)

13 BY renaming  
14 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, & Municipal Agencies  
15 Section 7-10 (Residency Requirements for City Officials)  
16 to be  
17 Section 7-10 (Residency Requirements for City Officials – Generally)  
18 Baltimore City Code  
19 (Edition 2000)

20 BY adding  
21 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, & Municipal Agencies  
22 Section 7-11  
23 Baltimore City Code  
24 (Edition 2000)

25 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
26 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

27 **Baltimore City Code**

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

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**Article 1. Mayor, City Council, & Municipal Agencies**

**Subtitle 7. City Officers & Employees**

§ 7-10. Residency requirements for City officials – GENERALLY.

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§ 7-11. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS – POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMAND STAFF.

(A) *DEFINITIONS.*

(1) *IN GENERAL.*

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

(2) *COMMAND STAFF MEMBER.*

“COMMAND STAFF MEMBER” MEANS:

(I) A MEMBER OF THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH THE RANK OF COLONEL; OR

(II) A MEMBER OF THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH THE RANK OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

(B) *RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS.*

(1) *SCOPE.*

NOTHING IN THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A COMMAND STAFF MEMBER WHO:

(I) ON JANUARY 1, 2022, HELD THE RANK OF COLONEL; AND

(II) WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

(2) *IN GENERAL.*

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, EACH COMMAND STAFF MEMBER MUST:

(I) BE A RESIDENT AND REGISTERED VOTER OF BALTIMORE CITY AT THE TIME OF THE COMMAND STAFF MEMBER’S APPOINTMENT; AND

(II) REMAIN A RESIDENT AND REGISTERED VOTER OF BALTIMORE CITY THROUGHOUT THE COMMAND STAFF MEMBER’S ENTIRE TERM OF OFFICE.

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1           (3) *TIMING OF COMPLIANCE.*

2                   AN INDIVIDUAL HAS 120 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF HIRE FOR OR PROMOTION TO A  
3                   COMMAND STAFF MEMBER POSITION TO BEGIN TO RESIDE IN BALTIMORE CITY.

4           (C) *WAIVER OF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS.*

5                   IF A COMMAND STAFF MEMBER IS MARRIED TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EMPLOYED BY A  
6                   GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT HAS SIMILAR RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS AS THOSE IN  
7                   SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE POLICE COMMISSIONER OR THE POLICE  
8                   COMMISSIONER’S DESIGNEE MAY GRANT THAT COMMAND STAFF MEMBER A WAIVER FROM  
9                   THE REQUIREMENTS IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

10          (D) *TERMINATION FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY.*

11                   IF A COMMAND STAFF MEMBER FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THIS SECTION THE COMMAND  
12                   STAFF MEMBER IS AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATED.

13          (E) *ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT.*

14                   NO LATER THAN JUNE 30 OF EACH YEAR, THE POLICE COMMISSIONER OR THE POLICE  
15                   COMMISSIONER’S DESIGNEE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
16                   DETAILING THE RESIDENCY AND VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS OF ALL COMMAND STAFF  
17                   MEMBERS.

18          **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance applies only prospectively  
19          and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect or application to the continued  
20          employment at the same level of any individual who, before the effective date of this Ordinance,  
21          is employed by the Baltimore Police Department as a member of its “command staff” as that  
22          term is defined in this Ordinance.

23          **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance  
24          are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as part of this or any prior  
25          Ordinance.

26          **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on January 1,  
27          2022.