

For Internal Use Only



BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mission Statement

On behalf of the Citizens of Baltimore City, the mission of the Budget and Appropriations Committee is to analyze and oversee the continuing operations, efficiency, and functions of Baltimore City government.

The Committee provides regular oversight of the funding and spending practices of City agencies, periodically analyzes the budget reports and activities of those agencies, and maintains a high level of fiscal accountability in City government.

As a result of its analysis and oversight, the Committee will recommend reforms to improve the operations of any of these agencies; through legislative, administrative, and/or budgetary improvements.

**The Honorable Eric T. Costello
Chairman**

PUBLIC HEARING

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2020
9:30 AM THRU 9:00 PM**

VIRTUAL WEBEX MEETING/HEARING

TO BE TELEVISED ON CABLE TV 25

Council Bill #20-0527

Ordinances of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

BUDGET HEARINGS – DAY FIVE

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

Eric Costello – Chair
Leon Pinkett – Vice Chair
Bill Henry
Sharon Green Middleton
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Shannon Sneed
Danielle McCray
Staff: Marguerite Currin

CYBERSECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Eric Costello – Co-chair
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer – Co-chair
Sharon Green Middleton
Staff: Samuel Johnson

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Zeke Cohen – Chair
Mary Pat Clarke – Vice Chair
John Bullock
Kristofer Burnett
Leon Pinkett
Staff: Jennifer Coates

EQUITY AND STRUCTURE

Bill Henry – Chair
Kristofer Burnett – Vice Chair
Danielle McCray
Staff: Samuel Johnson

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Robert Stokes – Chair
Kristofer Burnett – Vice Chair
Mary Pat Clarke
Zeke Cohen
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Staff: Marguerite Currin

HEALTH

Kristofer Burnett – Chair
Bill Henry - Vice Chair
Mary Pat Clarke
Edward Reisinger
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Staff: Marguerite Currin

HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

John Bullock – Chair
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer – Vice Chair
Kristofer Burnett
Zeke Cohen
Ryan Dorsey
Bill Henry
Shannon Sneed
Staff: Richard Krummerich

JUDICIARY

Eric Costello – Chair
Mary Pat Clarke – Vice Chair
John Bullock
Leon Pinkett
Edward Reisinger
Shannon Sneed
Robert Stokes
Staff: Matthew Peters

LABOR

Shannon Sneed – Chair
Robert Stokes – Vice Chair
Mary Pat Clarke
Bill Henry
Danielle McCray
Staff: Samuel Johnson

LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

Kristofer Burnett – Chair
Danielle McCray – Vice Chair
Ryan Dorsey
Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer
Shannon Sneed
Staff: Jennifer Coates

LAND USE

Edward Reisinger - Chair
Shannon Sneed – Vice Chair
Mary Pat Clarke
Eric Costello
Ryan Dorsey
Sharon Green Middleton
Leon Pinkett
Robert Stokes
Staff: Matthew Peters

PUBLIC SAFETY

Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer – Chair
Kristofer Burnett – Vice Chair
Zeke Cohen
Danielle McCray
Leon Pinkett
Shannon Sneed
Staff: Richard Krummerich

TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Sharon Green Middleton – Chair
Danielle McCray – Vice Chair
Eric Costello
Edward Reisinger
Robert Stokes
Staff: Samuel Johnson
- Larry Greene (*pension only*)

TRANSPORTATION

Ryan Dorsey – Chair
Leon Pinkett – Vice Chair
John Bullock
Staff: Jennifer Coates



BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Budget and Appropriations

Council Bill: 20-0527

Ordinance of Estimates for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

Sponsor: *President Scott at the request of the Department of Finance*

Introduced: *May 11, 2020*

Purpose:

For the purpose of providing the appropriations estimated to be needed by each agency of the City of Baltimore for operating programs and capital projects during the Fiscal 2021 year.

Effective: **Beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.**

Analysis

Current Law

Article VI – Board of Estimates of the City Charter outlines the rules and regulations which pertains to the budget schedule.

§ 3. Fiscal year; Budget schedule.

(a) Fiscal year. The fiscal, budget, and accounting year of the City shall begin on the first day of July and end on the thirtieth day of June in every year unless otherwise provided by law.

(b) Notice and hearing. At least thirty days prior to the adoption by the Board of Estimates of a proposed Ordinance of Estimates the Board shall make public the Director of Finance's recommended operating budget, the Planning Commission's recommended capital budget and long-range capital improvement 11/11/18 -147- ART. VI, § 4 BALTIMORE CITY CHARTER program, and the reports of the Director of Finance and Planning Commission on these documents. Thereafter, the Board shall hold public hearings at which members of the City Council, heads of municipal agencies, and citizens shall have the opportunity to appear before the Board to speak for or against the inclusion of any appropriation in the proposed Ordinance of Estimates.

(c) Submission to Council. The Board of Estimates shall submit to the City Council the proposed Ordinance of Estimates for the next fiscal year at least forty-five days before the beginning of that fiscal year.

(d) Adoption by Council. The City Council shall have at least forty days after receipt of the Board's proposed Ordinance of Estimates to enact an Ordinance of Estimates. The City Council shall adopt an Ordinance of Estimates at least five days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year to which it is applicable if the Board of Estimates submits its proposed Ordinance of Estimates within the period prescribed by Section 3(c).

Background

Friday, June 12, 2020, day five for budget hearings, the Budget and Appropriations Committee will reconvene the hearing.

See attached schedule(s).

Note: The hearings will begin at 9:30 AM

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: See Budget Books: Agency Detail – Volumes I and II – Board of Estimates Recommendations – Fiscal 2021

Information Source(s): City Charter and Council Bill 20-0527

Analysis by: *Marguerite M. Currin*
Marguerite M. Currin
Direct Inquiries to: 443-984-3485

Analysis Date: June 4, 2020

HEARING SCHEDULE

- I. For Friday, June 12, 2020
- II. For Entire Week – June 8th thru June 12th

DAY 5: Friday, June 12, 2020

AGENCY/SCHEDULE

TIME ALLOTTED

Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts (BOPA)

VOLUME TWO - BEGINNING ON PAGE 9

Under: M-R: Art and Culture

9:30 PM THRU 10:30 AM

Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED)

VOLUME TWO - BEGINNING ON PAGE 133

10:30 PM THRU 12:00 NOON

LUNCH

12:00 NOON THRU 12:30 PM

Parking Authority of Baltimore City (PABC)

VOLUME TWO - BEGINNING ON PAGE 399

Under: The Department of Transportation

12:30 PM THRU 1:30 PM

Sherriff's Department

VOLUME TWO - BEGINNING ON PAGE 373

1:30 PM THRU 2:30 PM

State's Attorney's Office (SAO)

VOLUME TWO - BEGINNING ON PAGE 387

2:30 PM THRU 4:00 PM

Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice

VOLUME TWO - BEGINNING ON PAGE 119

4:00 PM THRU 5:00 PM

DINNER

5:00 PM THRU 5:30 PM

Baltimore City Police Department (BPD)

VOLUME TWO - BEGINNING ON PAGE 255

5:30 PM THRU 9:00 PM

Chairman, Budget & Appropriations Committee
 Chairman, Judiciary Committee
 Chairman, Bicennial Audits Oversight Commission



City Hall, Room 527
 100 N Holliday Street
 Baltimore, MD 21202

Land Use & Transportation Committee
 Taxation, Finance, & Economic Development Committee

Eric T. Costello

(o) 410-396-4816
 (m) 443-813-1457
 (e) eric.costello@baltoctmccity.gov

Baltimore City Council, 11th District

Time Slot (Military Time)	Monday, June 8	Tuesday, June 9	Wednesday, June 10	Thursday, June 11	Friday, June 12
0900 - 0930	Finance / BBMR		DHR	BCFD / OEM	
0930 - 1000	Finance / BBMR		DHR	BCFD / OEM	BOPA
1000 - 1030	Finance / BBMR	BDC	DGS	BCFD / OEM	BOPA
1030 - 1100	Finance / BBMR	BDC	DGS	BCFD / OEM	MOED
1100 - 1130	Finance / BBMR	Visit Baltimore /Convention Center	Planning		MOED
1130 - 1200	Finance / BBMR	Visit Baltimore /Convention Center	Planning		MOED
1200 - 1230	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1230 - 1300	BCIT	MOHS	HCD	BCRP	PABC
1300 - 1330	BCIT	MOHS	HCD	BCRP	PABC
1330 - 1400	BCIT	MOSS	HCD	BCRP	Sheriff
1400 - 1430	BLLC	MOSS	HCD	BCRP	Sheriff
1430 - 1500	BLLC	BMZA	HCD	BCRP	SAO
1500 - 1530	Law	BMZA	MOCFS / Family League	Comptroller	SAO
1530 - 1600	Law	HUA COMMITTEE	MOCFS / Family League	Comptroller	SAO
1600 - 1630	CharmTV	HUA COMMITTEE	MOCFS / Family League	Comptroller	MOCJ
1630 - 1700	CharmTV	HUA COMMITTEE	MOCFS / Family League	Comptroller	MOCJ
1700 - 1730	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER
1730 - 1800	MOMWOBD	DPW	DOT	BCPSS	BPD
1800 - 1830	MOMWOBD	DPW	DOT	BCPSS	BPD
1830 - 1900	Health	DPW	DOT	BCPSS	BPD
1900 - 1930	Health	DPW	DOT	BCPSS	BPD
1930 - 2000	Health	DPW	DOT	BCPSS	BPD
2000 - 2030	Health	DPW	DOT	BCPSS	BPD
2030 - 2100	Health	DPW	DOT	BCPSS	BPD

ABOUT US

AGENCIES SCHEDULED TO ATTEND

JUNE 12, 2020

BALTIMORE

OFFICE OF PROMOTION & THE ARTS
Arts • Events • Film

About Us



The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA) is a standalone 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves as the arts council, events producer and film office for the City of Baltimore. In addition to organizing almost every fun, free city-wide event, BOPA uplifts Baltimore's creative community through funding and support to artists, arts programs and organizations across the City. BOPA is the primary advocate for the arts within the City of Baltimore, and BOPA's annual economic impact for special events and festivals is \$111.1 million.

BOPA is an exceptional producer of large-scale events such as Artscape and the Baltimore Book Festival/Light City under theme Brilliant Baltimore. BOPA promotes the culinary arts through its management of the Baltimore Farmers' Market & Bazaar and its inclusion in festivals. It produces New Year's Eve and July 4th celebrations at the Inner Harbor, art classes and exhibitions at the School 33 Art Center; the annual Baltimore Open Studio

Tour and Free Fall Baltimore during Arts & Humanities Month, and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade.

As the city's arts council, BOPA provides opportunities for artists to showcase work through the Public Art Program, Baltimore Mural Program, Community Arts Grants and various Calls for Artists; engages the next generation of artists through the arts education programs Art@Work, Bright StArts, Emerging Artist Network and BOPA Youth Arts Council; and collaborates with cultural organizations and neighborhood groups through a myriad of other programming.

Additionally, as the Baltimore Film Office, BOPA provides service to all productions scouting and filming in Baltimore City. BOPA oversees historic attractions and sites including the Top of the World Observation Level, School 33 Art Center, The Cloisters, and the Bromo Seltzer Arts Tower.

Over the past 40+ years, BOPA has been called upon to orchestrate or assist with large-scale city events. The activities include Star-Spangled Spectacular in 2014, NFL Kick-Off in 2013, Star-Spangled Sailabration in 2012 and the Ravens Super Bowl Victory Parades.

Mayor's Office of Employment Development

Resources

The Mayor's Office of Employment Development is an accomplished agency of the City of Baltimore and provides information to the public, our constituents and to media to help all audiences understand the work we do. On this page you can explore agency reports and access important documents that pertain to workforce development initiatives in Baltimore City.

MOED works in concert with the [Baltimore Workforce Development Board](#), a mayoral appointed board, to address the diverse workforce needs of Baltimore's employers and job seekers. By directing a broad array of innovative programs and collaborating with a host of specialized organizations, MOED acts as the city's primary agent of workforce development services and coordinates the efforts of all its workforce partners to create a seamless workforce system.

Business Services

The Business Services Division exists to meet the human resources support needs of the Baltimore City business community and contribute to a thriving economy.

Training

The Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED) has several training strategies to help businesses train new hires and meet specific skill standards, while reducing training costs. Strategies include occupational skills training and basic/essential skills for new hires. Employers from all industries including healthcare, manufacturing, construction, information technology, hospitality and other local industries have taken advantage of these services to increase their workforce and improve productivity.

Customized Training

Customized training is a business-driven training strategy designed to assist employers with meeting the cost of training new employees in hard-to-fill positions. This training strategy allows an employer or group of employers to provide occupational skills tailored to meet their needs, resulting in a more productive and efficient workforce.

A few things you should know:

1. Training can be provided by the employer or through [qualified training vendors](#) selected by the business.
2. To defray the cost of training, MOED will reimburse businesses up to 50 percent of the training costs (may include wages, tools, uniform and training courses).
3. Businesses must commit to hire the trainees who successfully complete the training program.
4. Training positions must be full-time permanent positions with wages of \$10 per hour or higher.
5. MOED provides marketing, recruitment and pre-screening of all applicants through its career center services.

Get started by completing this [Customized Training/OJT Business Application](#).

Incumbent Worker Training

Maryland Business Works is a training program for current workers interested in upgrading their skills. MOED and the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) are eager to partner with local businesses to support employer strategies for retention, growth expansion, and layoff aversion. Training funds will be provided to businesses serious about increasing employee productivity, upgrading the skills of current employees, and creating opportunities for expanding their existing workforce. Projects focus on in-demand occupations targeting small businesses.

A few things you should know:

1. *Maryland Business Works* promotes skills that are industry-focused and employer-based.

2. Funds will be primarily targeted to small businesses with 250 employees or fewer; local and regional businesses providing in-demand products or services; and, businesses that are facing potential layoffs.
3. There is a dollar-to-dollar match requirement, and a \$4,500 training cap funding level that may be awarded to a specific trainee for a project or series of projects.
4. The maximum request per year cannot exceed \$40,000.
5. The program funds classroom-based training, in-house staff training, apprenticeships, and other opportunities.

Parking Authority of Baltimore City

About Us

We oversee the management of 14 parking garages and numerous lots, 918 EZ Park Meters, over 1,500 reserved residential handicap parking spaces, and 46 residential permit parking areas. We also oversee valet parking regulations and a parking planning section.

Mission

The mission of the Parking Authority of Baltimore City is to find, or create, and implement parking solutions for Baltimore City, and to be the resource on all things "parking" in Baltimore.

History / Creation

The Parking Authority was created by City Ordinance 2000-71 to enhance Baltimore City's position in planning, development, management, and operations of its parking institution.

Governance

A five-member Board of Directors governs the Authority. Members of the Board of Directors serve without compensation. Four members of the Board are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council and one is a member of the City Council appointed by the City Council President. Each member of the Board serves a 3-year staggered term and may be removed at will by the appointing representative.

Staff

The Authority's staff is employed to administer the Authority's programs and fulfill the decisions of the Board.

Description

PABC is a "quasi" governmental agency of Baltimore City. We are also a registered 501c(3) non-profit organization.

What We Don't Do

We help find parking solutions in Baltimore City, but we *don't* issue parking citations or tickets. We also do not set parking fines, collect fines or adjudicate parking tickets.

Parking enforcement is handled by the Department of Transportation - (410) 396-6802.

Parking Ticket Collections and Requests for Trials are handled by the Bureau of Revenue Collections - (410) 396-4080.

To find out "What We Do (and don't do)," read our [brochure](#).

Values

Integrity

We follow all laws, regulations, policies, and procedures.

The decisions we make are morally right and in the best interest of the city.

Professionalism

We interact with our customers and with our teammates with professional conduct and courtesy at all times.

Our actions and appearance reflect the professional nature of our organization.

Responsiveness

We respond quickly to the questions, concerns, and needs of all of our customers and of our teammates.

Fairness

In our interactions with customers and teammates, we are always fair and unbiased.

Innovation

We are always looking for ways to accomplish our mission better, faster, and at less cost.

Baltimore City Sheriff's Office

Most Wanted

Fugitives

Landlords &

Tenants

Newsroom

Community

Outreach

Enforcement Authority

Deputy Sheriffs have the same Law Enforcement authority as the Police Department. Since the Sheriff is elected by the citizenry, only Deputy Sheriffs have the authority to enforce Civil Law in addition to Criminal and Traffic Law.

Mission Statement

The Baltimore City Sheriff's Office shall constitutionally enforce both criminal and civil law. Through strength, courage, knowledge and dedication, we will keep our Circuit Court safe and free from threats and violence. We shall work relentlessly to bring to justice those who violate the law and inflict violence on others. In the spirit of service, and in keeping with our oath as Law Enforcement Officers, we will, without partiality or prejudice, treat people with fairness, equality, dignity and respect while remaining courteous at all times, consistent with maintaining the people's trust in a democratic society, all the while furthering the public safety mission of Baltimore City and the State of Maryland.

The Baltimore City Sheriff's Office is a comprehensive unit that provides services to the citizens of Baltimore City as follows:

- Service of Writs of Execution, Summonses, Subpoenas, and Writs of Possession.
- Service of Rent Court Orders and Evictions
- Execution of Arrest Warrants.
- Execution of Sheriff's Sales.

- Collection of Fines and Court Costs.
- Transportation of prisoners to place of incarceration.
- Maintaining order in the Circuit Court courtrooms.
- Custodial charge of prisoner during trial.
- Custodial charge of jurors during sequestration, including transportation to and from overnight accommodations.
- Execution of Domestic Violence and Peace Orders
- Criminal Patrol and Crime Suppression Details
- Traffic Enforcement.

THE OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR BALTIMORE CITY

ABOUT THE OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR BALTIMORE CITY

The Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City (BCSAO) is responsible for the prosecution of all crimes that occur in Baltimore City. Employing over 200 attorneys and an additional 200 administrative and support staff, the BCSAO is the largest local prosecutorial office in the state of Maryland and prosecutes over 40,000 cases each year.

Uncompromisingly committed to accountability, professionalism, and transparency—the BCSAO is working towards a future where community trust in the criminal justice system is restored; violent offenders are held accountable, and communities feel safe.

Thereby, the BCSAO prosecutors and staff are committed to the mission and vision of the office and apply one standard of justice to every aspect of their work.

MISSION

The mission of the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City is to safeguard communities in Baltimore City through the effective prosecution of crime.

Justice is the only barometer of success for our office, which is why our prosecutors are sworn to aggressively pursue “justice over convictions” in every case. Justice is doing what is fair and appropriate in each case, taking into account the nature of the crime, its impact upon the victim, and the circumstances of the defendant. Sometimes justice requires a conviction and lengthy prison sentence, but other times justice requires dropping all charges, or diverting a defendant out of the criminal justice system to drug rehabilitation, education or job training.

When the evidence exists—justice also requires us to exonerate those that have been falsely accused or wrongly convicted.

VISION

The Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, which is uncompromisingly committed to accountability, professionalism, and transparency—is working towards a future where community trust in the criminal justice system is restored; violent offenders are held accountable, and communities feel safe. We seek to cultivate an environment where success is measured not solely by the number of convictions obtained but how we engage communities and apply justice independent of one's sex, race, religion, sexual orientation or occupation.

Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice

Mission & Vision

Vision

To build a safer Baltimore, where residents have an increased perception of public safety and confidence in the criminal justice system. To ensure all partners in the criminal justice system are working in harmony to improve outcomes. To decrease levels of violence through smarter and more effective law enforcement strategies and holistic strategies that treat violence as a public health issue.

Mission

The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice advises the Mayor on all crime reduction and criminal justice matters. MOCJ strives to reduce crime in Baltimore and enhance perception of public safety by developing and implementing crime reduction strategies and programs. MOCJ engages the community as it seeks to understand and correct problems. MOCJ marshals resources to catalyze progress in improving public safety.

Core Functions

Crime Reduction Strategy. MOCJ works with the Mayor, Baltimore Police Department, and other agencies to prepare an effective strategy for reducing crime, improving resident perception of public safety, and strengthening justice system operations. MOCJ works alongside the Baltimore Police Department and other criminal justice partners on implementation of criminal justice strategies.

Police Department Operational Oversight. MOCJ keeps the Mayor informed regarding the operations, tactics, and strategies of BPD. MOCJ tracks performance data and monitors ongoing programs and initiatives at BPD to ensure progress is being made on violence reduction efforts.

Coordination of Criminal Justice Partners. MOCJ drives collaboration among local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies operating in Baltimore City. MOCJ regularly convenes partners and identifies opportunities for enhanced

collaboration to increase public safety in Baltimore. MOCJ works alongside law enforcement partners to review data, problems, and solutions to identified problems.

Data Collection and Trend Analysis. MOCJ collects and analyzes data regarding crime, law enforcement operations, and the criminal justice system. MOCJ uses data to help inform the violence reduction strategy and the design of crime-fighting programs. This includes working with the police department to identify hot-spot neighborhoods, violent repeat offenders, and patterns in dangerous community conditions. MOCJ builds data-sharing relationships with local, state, and federal agencies.

Crime Reduction Programs and Initiatives. MOCJ works collaboratively with other members of the criminal justice system to identify proven, successful programs that are effective in addressing violence reduction and violence prevention. MOCJ works to design innovative and evidence-based solutions for reducing crime and violence. MOCJ supports delivery of programs and initiatives, setting the schedule for implementation and creating measures for program progress and oversight.

Coordinating Grants and Fundraising. MOCJ pursues grant funding and direct investments from federal, state, and philanthropic funders to support the City's violence reduction goals. MOCJ builds relationships with funders to expand the potential network of funding available for public safety. MOCJ manages active grants on behalf both MOCJ and BPD, monitoring the efficacy of grant-funded programs and developing sustainability strategies that are deemed effective.

Community Engagement. MOCJ staff works directly with members of the community to understand their experiences and needs as it relates to public safety. MOCJ staff strengthen relationships with community stakeholders and design effective public safety initiatives that are responsive to community priorities.

Policy and Research. MOCJ researches and identifies best practices and evidence-based solutions policies and solutions for reducing crime and violence. MOCJ's policy and research function assists in transforming research into measurable, implementable programs, initiatives, and strategies



BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

OVERVIEW

Committed to Transparency

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) is committed to transparency in its operations and administration, and seeks opportunities to publicly share its mechanisms for holding officers, supervisors, and commanders accountable for their conduct and performance. Accordingly, we have posted the policies and procedures that guide the conduct of all police personnel, as well as information about officer-involved shootings, uses of force, and citizen complaints.

You will also be introduced to our partnership with the Department of Justice and our shared goal of building a culture of respect and community engagement founded upon constitutional principles and a spirit of selfless service. With the Department of Justice's guidance, the BPD will fight crime more effectively as it improves training, recruitment, supervision, the disciplinary process, and relationships with Baltimore's many diverse communities. We hope the information here provides an understanding of the work the department is doing to underscore its commitment to professionally serve and protect Baltimore's residents, workers, and visitors.

Baltimore Police Department

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Baltimore Police Department (BPD)** provides police services to the city of Baltimore, Maryland. The department is organized into ten districts; nine geographical and the Public Housing Section. It polices 80.9 square miles (210 km²) of land and 11.1 square miles (29 km²) of waterways. The department is sometimes referred to as the **Baltimore City Police Department** to distinguish it from the Baltimore County Police Department.

In April 2017, U.S. District Judge James K. Bredar approved a proposed consent decree between Baltimore and the U.S. Department of Justice, "mandating sweeping police reforms at a time of intense violence and deep community distrust in the city police."^[3] He denied a Department of Justice request to postpone signing the decree for 30 days in order to allow review by the Trump Administration.^{[3][4]}