

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**RESOLUTION 20.21**  
**Council Bill 19-0467**  
**(Charter Amendment)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Dorsey, President Scott, Councilmembers Bullock, Sneed,  
Cohen, Burnett, Pinkett, Henry, Reisinger, Clarke

Introduced and read first time: November 18, 2019

Assigned to: Equity and Structure Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: March 9, 2020

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONCERNING**

**Charter Amendment – Vetoes – Timing of Override**

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2 FOR the purpose of modifying and clarifying the time within which the Council may consider to  
3 override a mayoral veto; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for  
4 adoption or rejection.

5 BY proposing to amend

6 Article IV - Mayor

7 Section(s) 5(b)

8 Baltimore City Charter

9 (1996 Edition)

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

**Baltimore City Charter**

**Article IV. Mayor**

14 **§ 5. Approval or veto of legislation.**

15 (b) *Veto; return to Council.*

16 (1) If the Mayor does not approve of an ordinance or resolution passed by the City  
17 Council, the Mayor shall return it with written objections to the City Council within  
18 three actual regular meetings, not more than one of which shall occur in any one  
19 calendar week, of the City Council after the delivery of the ordinance or resolution to  
20 the Mayor.

21 (2) [Upon] ON receipt, the Mayor's objections shall be read [forthwith] PROMPTLY to the  
22 Council and entered on its Journal. [After five calendar days, and within twenty  
23 calendar days after the ordinance or resolution shall have been was returned by the  
24 Mayor and received by the Council, the Council shall proceed to reconsider and vote

**EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.**  
**Strike-out indicates matter stricken by amendment.**

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1 upon it.] THE COUNCIL MAY PROCEED TO RECONSIDER AND VOTE ON THE ORDINANCE  
2 OR RESOLUTION:

3 (I) AFTER 5 CALENDAR DAYS FROM WHEN THE MAYOR'S OBJECTIONS HAVE BEEN  
4 READ TO THE COUNCIL; AND

5 (II) EITHER:

6 (A) WITHIN 20 CALENDAR DAYS FROM WHEN THE MAYOR'S OBJECTIONS  
7 HAVE BEEN READ TO THE COUNCIL; OR

8 (B) IF NO REGULAR MEETING IS HELD DURING THAT 20-DAY PERIOD, AT  
9 THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING THAT IS SCHEDULED AFTER THAT 20-DAY  
10 PERIOD.

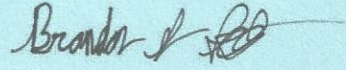
11 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, NO VETOED ORDINANCE OR  
12 RESOLUTION MAY BE RECONSIDERED BY A CITY COUNCIL THAT HAS BEEN NEWLY-  
13 ELECTED AND SWORN SINCE THE PASSAGE OF THE VETOED ORDINANCE OR  
14 RESOLUTION.

15 (4) (~~3~~) If the ordinance or resolution, after reconsideration, [shall be] IS again passed by  
16 the City Council by a vote of three-fourths of its members, it [shall become] BECOMES  
17 an ordinance or resolution of the City. In [such] THESE cases, after the  
18 reconsideration, the votes on the question of the passage of the ordinance or  
19 resolution over the veto of the Mayor shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the  
20 names of the persons voting for and against passage of the ordinance or resolution  
21 over the veto of the Mayor shall be entered on the Journal of the City Council.

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

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Certified as duly passed this 6 day of April, 2020



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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 6 day of April, 2020

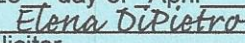
  
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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to Baltimore City Charter, Article IV, Section 5 (b), this bill became law on June 22, 2020.

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Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency  
this 25 day of April, 2020

  
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Chief Solicitor