

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 09-0303**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Cole, Young, Henry, Middleton, D'Adamo, Kraft, Welch,  
Branch, Clarke, Curran, Conaway, Reisinger  
Introduced and read first time: March 16, 2009  
Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: April 20, 2009

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Cable Communications Advisory Commission – Membership**

FOR the purpose of modifying the number of members on the Commission to correspond to the changed number of Council Districts; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to the composition of the Cable Communications Advisory Commission.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 2 - Consumer Protections  
Section(s) 2-1 and 2-2(c)(2) and (3)  
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 2. Consumer Protections**

**Subtitle 2. Cable Communications Advisory Commission**

**§ 2-1. Commission established.**

(a) *Created.*

There is a Cable Communications Advisory Commission[, which shall consist of 9 members appointed by the Mayor in accordance with Article IV, § 6 of the Baltimore City Charter (1964 Revision, as amended)].

**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 (b) *Composition and appointment.*

2 (1) THE COMMISSION COMPRISES 14 MEMBERS, 1 FROM EACH COUNCIL DISTRICT,  
3 APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, § 6 OF THE CITY  
4 CHARTER.

5 (2) [(1) There shall be at least 1] EACH member [who is] MUST BE a resident OF and  
6 REGISTERED voter [from each of the 6 Councilmanic districts] IN THE COUNCIL  
7 DISTRICT FROM WHICH THE MEMBER IS APPOINTED.

8 (3) [(2)] The members shall be appointed without regard to political party affiliation.

9 (4) [(3)] No member [shall] MAY be an employee, stockholder, officer, or director of a  
10 CATV franchisee[;]. [nor shall] NOR MAY any member have any financial interest,  
11 direct or indirect, in the operation or ownership of a franchise. The fact that a  
12 member subscribes to cable television service [shall] IS not [be considered] a conflict  
13 of interest.

14 (5) [(4)] The members appointed may represent the following interests: law, cable  
15 technology, education, finance, and communications.

16 **§ 2-2. Organization; operations.**

17 (c) *Meetings.*

18 (2) [A majority of the] 8 members of the Commission [shall constitute] ARE a quorum for  
19 the transaction of business.

20 (3) [For the Commission to take official action there must be an] AN affirmative vote of  
21 at least [5] 8 members IS NEEDED FOR ANY ACTION BY THE COMMISSION.

22 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance  
23 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior  
24 Ordinance.

25 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
26 after the date it is enacted.

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Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Chief Clerk

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

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Mayor, Baltimore City