

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 15-0228R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Reisinger, Branch, President Young, Councilmembers Costello,
Stokes, Kraft, Scott, Clarke, Spector, Middleton, Welch, Mosby
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Committee Report: Favorable
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

**1 Informational Hearing - Costs Incurred and Potential Costs to be Incurred
2 by the City that Result from the Recent Unrest and Civil Emergency**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the Department
4 of Finance to report to the City Council about the overtime costs incurred by the Police
5 Department and other City agencies; the potential, future workmen's compensation costs for
6 claims, by members of the Police Department and other City agencies, that may arise from
7 injuries sustained during the recent period of unrest and civil emergency; the reimbursement
8 costs to other jurisdictions for the services of their law enforcement personnel; how all these
9 costs will be paid; and the impact of these costs on the City's budget.

10 The recent unrest and civil emergency in Baltimore required many members of the Police
11 Department and other City agencies to put in extra hours of duty, which will result in overtime
12 pay by the City. If there were injuries sustained in the course of duty, claims may arise for
13 workmen's compensation, which has the potential to cost the City a lot of money. When the
14 Fiscal Year 2015 Ordinance of Estimates was formulated, no one could anticipate the events that
15 recently occurred, and thus no funds were set aside for them.

16 Another potential cost to the City is for the services of those law enforcement officers from
17 other jurisdictions that were lent to the City to help during the civil emergency. Some
18 jurisdictions have agreements with the City, but others do not. Some jurisdictions will need to be
19 reimbursed for their services. What will be the actual cost that the City will have to pay? From
20 where will this money come?

21 The City Council is now beginning its annual process of examining the budget for the next
22 fiscal year. We are aware that funds are tight, as they have been for the past several years. How
23 will having to pay for the costs arising out of the unrest and the civil emergency affect the FY
24 2015 and 2016 budgets? Will this affect the City's ability to fund employment programs,
25 including those for youth; education; recreational opportunities for our citizens; and the
26 necessary infrastructure projects, among other things, which are all important priorities for our
27 communities?

28 The City Council requests some answers.

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

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That this Body
2 requests the Police Department, the Fire Department, and the Department of Finance to report to
3 the City Council about the overtime costs incurred by the Police Department and other City
4 agencies; the potential future workmen’s compensation costs for claims, by members of the
5 Police Department and other City agencies, that may arise from injuries sustained during the
6 recent period of unrest and civil emergency; the reimbursement costs to other jurisdictions for the
7 services of their law enforcement personnel; how all these costs will be paid; and the impact of
8 these costs on the City’s budget.

9 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Police
10 Commissioner, the Fire Chief, the Director of Finance, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to
11 the City Council.