

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 18-0219  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Cohen, President Young, Councilmembers Scott, Schleifer,  
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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of  
Real Estate, Fire Department

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Property – Naming the Fire Station, Located at 5714 Eastern Avenue,**  
3 **to be the Konstantine Prevas Fire Station**

4 FOR the purpose of naming the fire station, located at 5714 Eastern Avenue, to be the  
5 Konstantine Prevas Fire Station.

6 BY authority of

7 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement

8 Section 20-2

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

11 **Recitals**

12 In 1968, Mr. Konstantine Prevas, World War II veteran, attorney, and leader in  
13 Baltimore’s Greek community, was a member of the Baltimore City’s Board of  
14 Fire Commissioners. At that time the Board of Fire Commissioners was the  
15 governing body over the Fire Department. Although there had been, in 1953, a  
16 desegregation decision by the Board of Fire Commissioners, barriers of  
17 discrimination still remained, including segregation in some of Baltimore City’s  
18 fire houses. In a vote to change this situation, Mr. Prevas cast the deciding vote to  
19 ensure impartiality, equality, and scrutiny of the system for all members of the  
20 Baltimore City Fire Department.

21 The following statement was released from an Executive Session of the Fire  
22 Board, held April 30, 1968:

23 “The Board wishes to clearly state that it is unalterably opposed to the  
24 unwritten rule that seems to prevail in a few isolated fire houses with  
25 respect to the use of beds, toilets and other facilities. All such facilities are

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

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1 provided by the City for use by all members and are not to be assigned on  
2 the basis of race. In short if there are any “unwritten” rules that cause  
3 discrimination in any form whatsoever, they will be eliminated  
4 immediately.”.

5 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the  
6 fire station, home of Truck Company #20 and Medic #20 and located at 5714 Eastern Avenue, is  
7 named the Konstantine Prevas Fire Station.

8 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
9 after the date it is enacted.