

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
ORDINANCE **23-268**  
Council Bill 23-0385

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Introduced by: Councilmember Conway  
Introduced and read first time: May 15, 2023  
Assigned to: Public Safety and Government Operations Committee  
Committee Report: Favorable, with amendments  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: August 21, 2023

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AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

1                   **Study and Report – Baltimore City Climate Resilience Authority**

2       FOR the purpose of requiring the Director of Finance, the City Solicitor, the Director of  
3       Transportation, the Director of Public Works, the Director of Planning, and the Director of  
4       Sustainability to submit a report detailing how Baltimore City may establish a local climate  
5       resilience authority originally authorized by Chapter 236 of the Acts of 2020, now codified as  
6       Title 22 {"Resilience Infrastructure"} of the State Local Government Article.

7       **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That:**

8                   (a) No later than 180 days after enactment of this Ordinance, the Director of Finance, the  
9                   City Solicitor, the Director of Transportation, the Director of Public Works, the  
10                  Director of Planning, and the Director of Sustainability shall submit a report detailing  
11                  how Baltimore City may establish a local climate resilience authority originally  
12                  authorized by Chapter 236 of the Acts of 2020, now codified as Title 22 {"Resilience  
13                  Infrastructure"} of the State Local Government Article.:

14                  (b) Prior to the report's final submission to the City Council a public notice shall be  
15                  published containing the report and seeking public comment for at least 30 days.

16                  (c) The report shall include:

17                       (i) A review of climate resilience authorities, including ~~a review of:~~

18                               (1) State enabling legislation;

19                               (2) relevant Baltimore City ~~law~~ laws; and

20                               (3) existing local climate resilience authorities in Maryland;

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.

1 (ii) ~~Considerations~~ Recommendations regarding the structure of a climate resilience  
2 authority for Baltimore City, including:

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4 (1) ~~potential~~ avenues for partnership with:

5 (i) external organizations; and

6 (ii) other local jurisdictions; and

7 (2) a structural review of existing and prospective local climate resilience  
8 authorities nationally and throughout the State;

9 (iii) An ~~in-depth~~ in-depth discussion of potential revenue sources for funding a  
10 Baltimore City climate resilience authority; and

11 (iv) ~~Potential~~ A discussion of climate mitigation strategies specific relevant to a  
12 Baltimore City climate resilience authority, ~~including processes for:~~  
13 recommended by:

14 ~~(1) continually assessing the vulnerability of local infrastructure and~~  
15 ~~environment to the impacts of climate change;~~

16 ~~(2) determining initiatives that protect the City's local infrastructure and~~  
17 ~~environment;~~

18 ~~(3) the selection of projects to mitigate the effects of climate change; and~~

19 (1) the Baltimore City 2019 Sustainability Plan;

20 (2) the Baltimore City 2023 Climate Action Plan;

21 (3) the FEMA-mandated Disaster Preparedness and Planning Project (DP3);

22 (4) the Nuisance Flood Plan (NFP);

23 (5) other climate-related City programs; and

24 ~~(4) the design and implementation of~~ designing and implementing selected  
25 projects by a local climate resilience authority; ; and

26 (v) A discussion of processes for:

27 (1) continually assessing and using vulnerability data captured in the DP3 and  
28 NFP to:

29 (A) enhance local infrastructure resilience; and

30 (B) mitigate the environmental impacts of climate change;

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1                   (2) supporting the implementation of initiatives and strategies outlined in  
2                   Citywide climate-related plans or exploring new initiatives that protect the  
3                   City's local infrastructure and environment; and

4                   (3) incorporating climate mitigation and resilience strategies into the  
5                   implementation of current and future City projects to protect people, property,  
6                   and communities from the diverse effects of climate change.

7                   (d) The City Council shall call a hearing where the Director of Finance, the City Solicitor,  
8                   the Director of Transportation, the Director of Public Works, the Director of  
9                   Planning, and the Director of Sustainability shall present the findings and the  
10                  recommendations of the report.

11                 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the day it is  
12                 enacted.



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Certified as duly passed this 21 day of August, 2023

  
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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 21 day of August, 2023.

  
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Chief Clerk

Approved this 15th day of October, 2023

  
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Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for Formand Legal Sufficiency  
This 25th Day of August, 2023.

Elena R DiPietro