

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 12-0063

Introduced by: Councilmembers Curran, Henry, Stokes, Branch, Spector, Middleton, Scott,
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Assigned to: Health Committee

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Council action: Adopted

Read second time: October 15, 2012

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission – Modifications

FOR the purpose of reconstituting the membership of the Commission; requiring that the reimbursement of expenses to members be timely; and ~~authorizing the removal of members under certain circumstances~~ authorizing non-members of the Commission to participate as members of committees of the Commission.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

Section(s) 55-3(a) to (c), 55-4(b), ~~55-5(a), and 55-6(c)~~ and 55-5

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 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

Subtitle 55. Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission

§ 55-3. Advisory Commission membership.

(a) *In general.*

(1) The Advisory Commission consists of [30] ~~23~~ 26 members.

(2) Of these:

(i) ~~[25]~~ ~~13~~ 15 members are appointed by the Mayor in accordance with Article IV, § 6 of the Baltimore City Charter; and

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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(ii) ~~[8]~~ 11 members are agency representatives.

(b) *Appointed members.*

The ~~[25]~~ 15 appointed members of the Advisory Commission are as follows:

[(1) 1 member from each of the 14 City Council districts.]

(1) [(2)] 1 member representing each of the following 4 organizations:

(i) Maryland SPCA;

(ii) The Snyder Foundation for Animals;

(iii) the ASPCA; and

(iv) the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter.

[(3) 3 at-large members.]

[(4) 1 member nominated by the President of the City Council.]

(2) [(5)] 1 City Council member, nominated by the President of the City Council.

(3) [(6)] 1 judge.

(4) [(7)] 1 veterinarian practicing in Baltimore City.

(5) ~~3~~ 4 AT-LARGE MEMBERS.

(6) ~~3~~ 4 AT-LARGE MEMBERS, NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

(c) *Agency representatives.*

The ~~[8]~~ 11 agency representatives are the following, or their designated representatives:

(1) the Director of the Bureau of Animal Control.

{(2) the Health Commissioner.}

~~(2)~~ {(3)} the Director of Juvenile Services.

(4) ~~(3)~~ THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

(5) ~~(4)~~ the Mayor.

(6) ~~(5)~~ the President of the City Council.

(7) ~~(6)~~ the State's Attorney for Baltimore City.

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(8) ~~(7)~~ the Police Commissioner.

(9) ~~(8)~~ the Baltimore City Sheriff.

(10) ~~(9)~~ THE COMMISSIONER OF HOUSING.

(11) ~~(10)~~ THE CEO OF THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

§ 55-4. Terms, compensation, vacancies.

(b) *Compensation; expenses.*

Members of the Advisory Commission:

(1) are not entitled to compensation for their services; but

(2) are entitled to TIMELY reimbursement for expenses incurred, as provided in the Ordinance of Estimates.

§ 55-5. [Officers] CHAIR; committees.

(a) [*Officers*] CHAIR.

[(1)] The Mayor must designate a member of the Advisory Commission to serve as its Chair.

[(2) Members of the Advisory Commission may select any other officers they consider necessary or appropriate.]

(b) Committees.

(1) The Chair may appoint committees to assist the Advisory Commission in carrying out its functions and duties.

(2) NON-MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION MAY BE DESIGNATED BY THE CHAIR WITH THE CONSENT OF THE COMMISSION TO PARTICIPATE AS MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES OF THE COMMISSION.

~~§ 55-6. Meetings; quorum.~~

~~(e) Failure to [attend meetings] PARTICIPATE.~~

~~(1) If any member is absent from regularly scheduled meetings more than 3 times in 1 year, not counting absences excused by the Chair:~~

~~(i) [(1)] the member is considered to have resigned; and~~

~~(ii) [(2)] the Chair must request that the member's appointing authority fill the resultant vacancy.~~

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1 ~~(2) IF, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR AND THE MAYOR, ANY MEMBER FAILS WITHOUT~~
2 ~~SUFFICIENT CAUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION AS~~
3 ~~IS NORMALLY EXPECTED OF A MEMBER, THE MAYOR MAY REMOVE THAT MEMBER.~~

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

7 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
8 after the date it is enacted.

Certified as duly passed this ____ day of _____, 20__

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,

this ____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this ____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City