

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 17-0033**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development)  
Introduced and read first time: March 20, 2017  
Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: April 24, 2017

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Building Code – Correcting Definition of “High-Rise Building”**

FOR the purpose of deleting from the City Building Code an outdated definition of “high-rise building”, thereby conforming that term’s meaning to the more modern definition adopted by the International Building Code.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments  
Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes  
Section 2-103 (BC § 202.2.35 and §§ 403.1 to 403.4.)  
Baltimore City Revised Code  
(2015 Edition)

**SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

**Baltimore City Revised Code**

**Article – Building, Fire, and Related Codes**

**Part II. International Building Code**

**§ 2-103. City modifications.**

The additions, deletions, amendments, and other modifications adopted by the City are as follows:

**Chapter 2. Definitions; Rules of Construction**

**Section 202 Definitions**

**202.2 Supplemental definitions.** Notwithstanding any different definition in the International Building Code, the following terms have the meanings given in this § 202.2.

**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           **202.2.35 [High-rise building.** “High-rise building” has the meaning stated in State  
2           Public Safety Article § 9-401.] *{VACANT}*

3                   **Chapter 4. Special Detailed Requirements Based on Use and Occupancy**

4           **Section 403 High-Rise Buildings**

5           **[403.1 Applicability.** This § 403 applies to all “high-rise buildings”, as defined in State  
6           Public Safety Article § 9-401.]

7                   **[Exception: *{Not Adopted}*]**

8           **[403.2] 403.1 to 403.4 *{As in IBC}***

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

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

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