

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0170
(First Reader)**

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Assigned to: Labor Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Human Resources

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Officials – Residency Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing residency requirements for certain agency heads and at-will
4 supervisory employees; providing a certain qualified, short-term exception; defining certain
5 terms; providing for the prospective application of this Ordinance; and generally relating to
6 residency requirements, as limited by State law, for City personnel.

7 BY authority of

8 State Code Article - General Provisions

9 Section 1-201

10 (2014 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

11 (As amended by Chapter 776, 2017 Acts of the General Assembly)

12 BY adding

13 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

14 Section 7-10

15 Baltimore City Code

16 (Edition 2000)

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

19 **Baltimore City Code**

20 **Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies**

21 **Subtitle 7. City Officers and Employees**

22 **§ 7-10. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY OFFICIALS.**

23 (A) *DEFINITIONS.*

24 (1) *IN GENERAL.*

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

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1 IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

2 (2) *AGENCY*.

3 “AGENCY” MEANS ANY DEPARTMENT, ANY BUREAU OR DIVISION WITHIN A
4 DEPARTMENT, AND ANY BOARD, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, COUNCIL, COMMITTEE,
5 OFFICE, OR OTHER UNIT OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

6 (3) *OFFICIAL*.

7 “OFFICIAL” MEANS:

8 (I) THE HEAD OF AN AGENCY WHO REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THE MAYOR; AND

9 (II) ANY AT-WILL SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEE WHO REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THE
10 MAYOR OR TO THE HEAD OF AN AGENCY.

11 (B) *RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS*.

12 EVERY OFFICIAL:

13 (1) MUST BE A RESIDENT AND REGISTERED VOTER OF BALTIMORE CITY AT THE TIME
14 OF HIS OR HER APPOINTMENT, EXCEPT ONLY AS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY
15 SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; AND

16 (2) MUST REMAIN A RESIDENT AND REGISTERED VOTER OF BALTIMORE CITY
17 THROUGHOUT HIS OR HER ENTIRE TERM OF OFFICE.

18 (C) *QUALIFIED, SHORT-TERM EXCEPTION*.

19 (1) *IN GENERAL*.

20 SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN OFFICIAL WHO, BEFORE
21 HER OR HIS APPOINTMENT, SIGNS A DECLARATION OF INTENT TO BECOME A CITY
22 RESIDENT AND REGISTERED VOTER WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF HER
23 OR HIS APPOINTMENT.

24 (2) *TERMINATION FOR FAILURE TO TIMELY COMPLY*.

25 IF THE OFFICIAL FAILS TO ABIDE BY THIS DECLARATION OF INTENT WITHIN THE 6-
26 MONTH PERIOD, THE OFFICIAL’S APPOINTMENT IS AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATED AT
27 THE END OF THAT PERIOD.

28 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That this Ordinance applies only prospectively
29 and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to the continued
30 employment of any individual employed by the City before the effective date of this Ordinance.

31 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
32 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
33 Ordinance.

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1 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
2 after the date it is enacted.