

CITY OF BALTIMORE
RESOLUTION _____
Council Bill 18-0222
(Charter Amendment)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Scott, Henry, Dorsey, Bullock, Burnett, Sneed, Middleton,
Stokes, Clarke

Introduced and read first time: April 16, 2018

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: June 25, 2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONCERNING

1 **Charter Amendment – Equity Assistance Fund**

2 FOR the purpose of authorizing the establishment of a continuing, nonlapsing Equity Assistance
3 Fund, to be used exclusively to assist efforts that reduce inequity based on race, gender, or
4 economic status in Baltimore; ~~requiring that the annual Ordinance of Estimates include a~~
5 ~~specified appropriation for the Equity Assistance Fund~~ authorizing the Mayor and City
6 Council to dedicate revenue to the Equity Assistance Fund by ordinance; and submitting this
7 amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

8 BY proposing to add
9 Article I - General Provisions
10 Section 15
11 Baltimore City Charter
12 (1996 Edition)

13 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
14 City Charter is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

15 **Baltimore City Charter**

16 **Article I. General Provisions**

17 **§ 15. SPECIAL FUND FOR EQUITY ASSISTANCE.**

18 (A) *AUTHORIZATION.*

19 (1) BY ORDINANCE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE MAY ESTABLISH A
20 CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND FOR PURPOSES OF ASSISTING EFFORTS THAT REDUCE
21 INEQUITY BASED ON RACE, GENDER, OR ECONOMIC STATUS IN BALTIMORE.

22 (2) THESE PURPOSES INCLUDE SUPPORTING AND AUGMENTING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES
23 THAT ARE DESIGNED TO:

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.

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- 1 (I) PROVIDE EQUITY IN HOUSING;
- 2 (II) PROVIDE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO EDUCATION;
- 3 (III) ASSIST EFFORTS TO REDRESS PAST INEQUITIES IN CITY CAPITAL BUDGET
- 4 SPENDING; AND
- 5 (IV) ELIMINATING STRUCTURAL AND INSTITUTIONAL RACISM AND OTHER FORMS OF
- 6 DISCRIMINATION BASED ON IMMUTABLE CHARACTERISTICS.

7 (B) *REVENUE SOURCES.*

8 THE FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY CONSIST OF:

- 9 (1) ~~A MANDATORY ANNUAL APPROPRIATION IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES OF AN~~
- 10 ~~AMOUNT EQUAL TO AT LEAST 3% OF THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR THE POLICE~~
- 11 ~~DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE CITY; AND MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND IN~~
- 12 ~~THE ANNUAL ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES;~~
- 13 (2) GRANTS OR DONATIONS MADE TO THE FUND; AND
- 14 (3) PROCEEDS FROM FINES, FEES, SURCHARGES, OR OTHER REVENUES DEDICATED TO
- 15 THE FUND BY ORDINANCE.

16 (C) *CONTINUING NATURE OF FUND.*

17 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CHARTER, UNSPENT PORTIONS OF THE

18 FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION:

- 19 (1) REMAIN IN THE FUND, TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THEIR ORDAINED PURPOSES;
- 20 (2) DO NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL REVENUES OF THE CITY; AND
- 21 (3) THEIR APPROPRIATIONS DO NOT LAPSE.

22 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this proposed amendment to the City

23 Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or rejection,

24 in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the

25 City Solicitor.

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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