

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0332
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Office of Sustainability)
Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019
Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Office of Sustainability, Department of Planning, Department of Finance, Health Department, Department of Public Works, Department of General Services

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan**

3 FOR the purpose of adopting a new Sustainability Plan for Baltimore City; providing for a special
4 effective date; and generally relating to all elements of sustainability, including air quality,
5 water quality, resource conservation and recycling, energy, public health, environmental
6 justice, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of
7 transportation.

8 **Recitals**

9 Article 5, § 34-4 of the Baltimore City Code requires that the Commission on
10 Sustainability prepare a Comprehensive Sustainability Plan and, from time to
11 time, recommend appropriate amendments to it.

12 Article 5, § 34-5 of the Baltimore City Code requires, among other things, that the
13 Commission's Comprehensive Sustainability Plan discuss all elements of
14 sustainability, including air quality, water quality, resource conservation and
15 recycling, energy, public health, environmental justice, reduction of greenhouse
16 gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of transportation. The
17 Plan is also to establish 3-, 5-, and 10-year sustainability targets.

18 The City of Baltimore last adopted a comprehensive sustainability plan by
19 Ordinance 09-141, effective March 12, 2009.

20 The Commission of Sustainability, assisted by the Office of Sustainability in the
21 Department of Planning, has prepared a new comprehensive sustainability plan for
22 the City. To become effective, it must be approved by an Ordinance of the Mayor
23 and City Council.

24 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
25 Baltimore City Sustainability Plan, dated February 4, 2019, its strategies, actions, and measures
26 of success, are approved. The Sustainability Plan, as approved, shall be incorporated into the
27 City's Comprehensive Master Plan as an appendix.

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

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1 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the Sustainability Commission annually
2 shall review and submit a written report to the City Council on the state of the Sustainability
3 Plan’s implementation, goal achievements, and other effects, and recommend any amendments
4 to the Plan that the Commission finds necessary or appropriate.

5 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That after enactment of this Ordinance, a copy
6 of it and of the Sustainability Plan adopted by it be sent to the Mayor, Mayor’s Office of
7 Employment Development, Department of Finance, Health Department, Baltimore City Heritage
8 Area, Baltimore Housing (Department of Housing and Community Development/Housing
9 Authority of Baltimore City), Law Department, Department of Legislative Reference, Mayor’s
10 Office of Minority Business Development, Mayor’s Office of Neighborhoods, Department of
11 Planning, Police Department, Department of Public Works, Department of Recreation and Parks,
12 the Department of Transportation, the Mayor’s Commission on Disabilities, the Enoch Pratt Free
13 Library System, the Baltimore City Public School System, and the Board of Municipal and
14 Zoning Appeals.

15 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
16 enacted.