

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0457
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Dorsey, President Scott, Councilmembers Henry, Burnett,
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Assigned to: Judiciary Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Board of Ethics

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Elected Officials – Financial Disclosure**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring Baltimore City elected officials to disclose certain receipts made to
4 business entities substantially controlled by the elected officials; altering the due date for
5 elected officials to file financial disclosure statements; conforming related provisions; and
6 providing for a special effective date.

7 BY authority of

8 General Provisions Article
9 Section 5-809(b)(2)
10 Maryland Code

11 BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments

12 Article 8 - Ethics
13 Section(s) 7-2(a), 7-27 (catchline)
14 Baltimore City Code
15 (Edition 2000)

16 BY renumbering current

17 Article 8 - Ethics
18 Section 7-28 to Section 7-29
19 Baltimore City Code
20 (Edition 2000)

21 BY adding

22 Article 8 - Ethics
23 Section(s) 7-28
24 Baltimore City Code
25 (Edition 2000)

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

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

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Baltimore City Code

Article 8. Ethics

Subtitle 7. Financial Disclosure

PART I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 7-2. General filing requirements.

(a) *Annual filing required.*

(1) *IN GENERAL.*

Except as otherwise specified in this subtitle, each statement must be filed with the Ethics Board on or before April 30 of each year.

(2) *ELECTED OFFICIALS.*

ELECTED OFFICIALS MUST FILE THE STATEMENT REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 30 OF EACH YEAR.

PART III. CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS

§ 7-27. Sources of [earned] income: EARNED INCOME.

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§ 7-28. SOURCES OF INCOME: SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS.

(A) *SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST DEFINED.*

IN THIS SECTION, "SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST" MEANS HOLDING AN EQUITY INTEREST OF 30% OR MORE IN A BUSINESS ENTITY.

(B) *DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN PAYMENTS REQUIRED.*

IF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL HAS A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN A BUSINESS ENTITY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THAT ENTITY DOES BUSINESS WITH THE CITY, THE STATEMENT MUST INCLUDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON PAYING THAT ENTITY \$20 OR MORE IN THE AGGREGATE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

§ 7-29. [§ 7-28.] Additional information.

The statement may include a schedule of additional interests or information that the public servant chooses to disclose.

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

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1 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
2 enacted.