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Pastor Jim Muratore, St. Luke's Church on the Avenue, led the Council in Prayer.

The President and members of the Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SHOWCASE BALTIMORE

Ayanna Zenzele-Rushing, City Council Page, delivered a presentation.

The City Council of Baltimore met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Nicholas J. Mosby, President, and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos

JOURNAL APPROVED

The Journal of March 8, 2021 was read and approved.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

March 10, 2021
The Honorable Nick J. Mosby, Council President
and Members of the City Council
Baltimore City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Council Members:

I am pleased to inform your Honorable Body that I have signed into law this day these bills which are routine and require no special treatment:

Bill 21-0003 - For the purpose of establishing the Baltimore City Workgroup on Nuisance Parking and Auto Businesses; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to study certain matters related to the illegal storage of motor vehicles in public rights-of-way by motor vehicle repair establishments and motor vehicle dealerships and make certain recommendations; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on or before a certain date; providing for a special effective date; providing for the termination of this Ordinance; and generally relating to the illegal practice of using the public right-of-way as surplus private motor vehicle storage.

Bill 21-0014 - For the purpose of requiring the Fire Chief of the Baltimore City Fire Department to report annually certain information to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore; requiring the report to be made available on the Department's website; and providing for a special effective date.

Bill 21-0008 - For the purpose of naming the playground in Northwest Park, located at 2027 West Rogers Avenue and approximately 100 feet from the street, to be the Rikki Spector Playground.

Bill 21-0032 - For the purpose of establishing the salary of the Director of Public Works; and providing for a special effective date.

INTRODUCTION AND READ FIRST TIME

The President laid before the City Council the following bills and Resolutions of the Mayor and City Council for first reading:

Bill No. 21-0050 - By the Council President (The Administration), Councilmembers Bullock, Middleton

An Ordinance revising the fees assessed to alarm system users for repeated false alarms; altering the number of false alarms within year that will result in the placement of the premises into a no-response status; requiring that alarm system monitors make certain additional attempts to verify the need for a police response; making certain stylistic changes; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Police Department, Executive Office of the Mayor, Department of Finance, Fire Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Public Safety and Government Operations Committee.

Bill No. 21-0051 - Councilmember Cohen

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 4900 Boston Street (Block 6820, Lot 55), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-2 Zoning District to the IMU-2 Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Transportation, Department of Finance, Baltimore Development Corporation, and the Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0052 - Councilmember Cohen

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as Block 6458, Lot 004 and Block PSC0, Lot 085, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-2 Zoning District to the R-8 Zoning District.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Department of Finance, and the Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0053 - Councilmember Schleifer

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 4207-4209 Menlo Drive, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-1 Zoning District to the OIC Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Transportation, Department of Finance, Baltimore Development Corporation, and the Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0054 - Councilmember Porter

An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 605 South Caton Avenue, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the C-2 Zoning District to the I-2 Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Department of Finance, and the Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0055 - Councilmember Stokes

An Ordinance permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a retail goods establishment (with alcoholic beverages sales) on the property known as 2600 North Howard Street, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Transportation, Department of Finance, Baltimore Development Corporation, Police Department, Fire Department, Parking Authority of Baltimore City, and the Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0056 - Councilmember Cohen

An Ordinance amending the Urban Renewal Plan for the Canton Industrial Area to revise the boundary of the Plan to remove a certain property; replacing certain exhibits to reflect the change; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Works, Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, and the Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0057 - Councilmember Schleifer

An Ordinance repealing Ordinance 09-219, which established the Reisterstown Plaza Transit Station Urban Renewal Area and Plan; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Works, Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Information Technology, and the Economic and Community Development Committee.

Bill No. 21-0058 - Councilmembers Ramos, Bullock, Dorsey, Middleton, Glover, Burnett, Cohen, Stokes, Torrence, Conway

An Ordinance authorizing that the real property taxes to be owed on certain properties may be paid through a monthly installment plan; establishing the maximum term for an installment payment plan in accordance with State law; requiring the Director of Finance to adopt regulations to implement this subtitle; defining certain terms; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to installment payments of real property taxes in Baltimore City.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Department of Planning, Department of Housing and Community Development, Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation, Department of Real Estate, Department of Finance, Board of Estimates, and the Ways and Means Committee.

Bill No. 21-0059 - Councilmembers Stokes, McCray, Middleton, Porter, Ramos, Conway, Glover, Costello, Cohen, Torrence, Burnett

An Ordinance requiring that the Department of Human Resources, in consultation with certain other agencies, submit a report to the Mayor and City Council examining the short and long term sustainability of the City's internal workforce, to ensure that we are able to provide and maintain appropriate service delivery standards for our constituents; and providing for a special effective date.

The bill was read the first time and referred to the City Solicitor, Department of Human Resources, Employees' Retirement System, Baltimore City Public School System, Mayor's Office of Employment Development, Department of Finance, and the Public Safety and Government Operations Committee.

The President laid before the City Council the following Council Resolutions for first reading:

Bill No. 21-0035R - By Councilmembers Stokes, Bullock, Ramos, Porter, Middleton, Schleifer

A Resolution urging the Baltimore City Public School System's CEO to explain to the City Council why students are being promoted or "passed through" to higher grade levels when the students are academically unprepared to move beyond their current grade level.

The resolution was read the first time and referred to the Baltimore City Public School System and the Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS NO. 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, AND 90 ADOPTED UNDER RULE 3-9.

The resolutions were read.

The roll was called on the adoption of the resolutions, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the resolutions adopted under Rule 3-9.

Ceremonial Resolutions will be found at the end of the Journal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BILL NO. 21-0021 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS, AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING

Councilmember Middleton, for the Economic and Community Development Committee, reported Bill No. 21-0021 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance requiring a lease to have a provision regarding a 10-day grace period; requiring a lease to have provisions regarding the amount of money landlords may charge for late fees, when landlords may charge tenants receiving public assistance for late fees, late fees as a condition precedent to the tenant's right to redeem, and the types of fees landlords may recover; and prohibiting this section from altering other remedies available to a landlord.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 21-0021

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after the semi-colon, insert "and"; and, on that same page, strike beginning with "the" in line 4 down through and including the first comma in line 5; and, on that same page, strike beginning with the second comma in line 5 down through and including "landlord" in line 7.

Amendment No. 2

On page 1, after line 20, insert:

"(1) "GOVERNMENT BENEFIT" DEFINED.

IN THIS SUBSECTION, “GOVERNMENT BENEFIT” MEANS:

- (I) TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE OR OTHER ASSISTANCE DESCRIBED IN TITLE 5 OF THE STATE HUMAN SERVICES ARTICLE;
- (II) SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME;
- (III) SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INCOME;
- (IV) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS;
- (V) VETERAN’S ADMINISTRATION BENEFITS;
- (VI) SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS; OR
- (VII) ASSISTANCE FROM ANY OTHER SIMILAR FEDERAL, STATE, OR CITY GOVERNMENT BENEFITS PROGRAM.

(2) SCOPE OF SUBSECTION.

THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO LEASES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTERED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY.”.

Amendment No. 3

On page 1, in line 21, strike “(1)” and substitute “(3)”; and, on page 2, in line 1, strike “(2)” and substitute “(4)”.

Amendment No. 4

On page 2, strike lines 2 through 39 in their entireties; and, on page 3, strike lines 1 through 15 in their entireties and substitute:

“IN ADDITION, A RESIDENTIAL LEASE THAT INCLUDES A PROVISION PERMITTING A LANDLORD TO APPLY A PENALTY FOR THE LATE PAYMENT OF RENT MUST INCLUDE A PROVISION THAT PROHIBITS A LANDLORD FROM APPLYING A PENALTY FEE FOR LATE PAYMENT OF RENT UNTIL:

- (I) THE TENANT’S PAYMENT OF THE RENT IS MORE THAN 10 DAYS LATE; OR

(II) THE TENANT HAS RECEIVED THE TENANT’S REGULARLY SCHEDULED GOVERNMENT BENEFIT DISBURSEMENT IF THE TENANT HAS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED THE LANDLORD WITH WRITTEN NOTICE THAT SHOWS THE DAY OF THE MONTH THE GOVERNMENT BENEFIT IS NORMALLY ISSUED OR MAILED IS LATER THAN THE DAY ON WHICH THE RENT IS DUE.”.

The amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

The bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

**BILL NO. 21-0022 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS,
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

An Ordinance requiring certain lease provisions to create alternatives besides the traditional security deposit for residential leases under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and prohibiting this subsection from limiting a landlord’s ability to require certain qualifications on a residential tenant’s application for a new residential lease.

Councilmember Dorsey made a motion, which was seconded, to recommit the bill to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - Councilmembers Cohen, Dorsey, Ramos- Total 3.

Nays - President and Councilmembers McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, - Total 11.

Abstain - Burnett - Total 1.

By roll call, the motion failed for lack of a majority.

Councilmember Middleton, for the Economic and Community Development Committee, reported Bill No. 21-0022 favorably, with amendments.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 21-0022

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, strike line 21 in its entirety; and, on that same page, in line 22, strike “MEANS MONEY OR ANY OTHER FORM OF SECURITY GIVEN BY” and substitute “HAS THE MEANING STATED IN STATE REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE, § 8-203(A)(3).”; and, on that same page, strike lines 23 and 24 in their entireties; and, on page 2, strike lines 1 through 13 in their entireties.

Amendment No. 2

On page 2, in line 20, strike “ACCEPT” down through and including “DEPOSIT” in line 21; and, on that same page, strike lines 22 through 33; and, on page 3, strike lines 1 through 17 in their entireties and substitute:

- “ (I) PURCHASE RENTAL SECURITY DEPOSIT INSURANCE; OR
- (II) PAY THE SECURITY DEPOSIT OVER A SERIES OF NO LESS THAN 3 EQUAL MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS.
- (4) RENTAL SECURITY DEPOSIT INSURANCE.
- (I) IF THE TENANT ELECTS TO PURCHASE RENTAL SECURITY DEPOSIT INSURANCE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (3)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION:
- (A) THE INSURANCE PROVIDER MUST BE AN APPROVED CARRIER LICENSED BY, AND IN GOOD STANDING WITH, THE MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION;
- (B) THE INSURANCE PROVIDER, POLICY, AND COVERAGE AMOUNT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED BY THE LANDLORD AS AN ACCEPTABLE OPTION IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED SECURITY DEPOSIT;
- (C) THE INSURANCE PROVIDER MUST OBTAIN FROM THE TENANT A SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGMENT ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER WITH THE FOLLOWING DISCLOSURE:
- “THE TENANT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE PERIODIC FEE DUE UNDER THIS CONTRACT IS NOT A SECURITY DEPOSIT AND WILL NOT BE REFUNDED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE TENANT AT ANY TIME.”;
- (D) THE LANDLORD MAY NOT REQUIRE THE TENANT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY OR INSURANCE COVERAGE PER CLAIM IN AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR SECURITY DEPOSITS; AND

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(E) ANY RENTAL SECURITY DEPOSIT INSURANCE OFFERED SHALL MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. THE COVERAGE IS EFFECTIVE UPON THE PAYMENT OF THE FIRST PREMIUM AND REMAINS EFFECTIVE FOR THE ENTIRE LEASE TERM;

2. THE INSURANCE MUST PERMIT THE PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS ON A MONTHLY BASIS UNLESS THE TENANT SELECTS OR AGREES TO A DIFFERENT PAYMENT SCHEDULE;

3. THE COVERAGE PROVIDED PER CLAIM IS NO LESS THAN THE AMOUNT THE LANDLORD REQUIRES FOR SECURITY DEPOSITS.

(II) IF A TENANT ELECTS TO PAY THE SECURITY DEPOSIT THROUGH RENTAL SECURITY DEPOSIT INSURANCE AND FAILS TO PURCHASE THE RENTAL SECURITY DEPOSIT INSURANCE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT, THE TENANT MUST PAY THE SECURITY DEPOSIT THE LANDLORD ORIGINALLY ASSESSED.

(III) IF A TENANT ELECTS TO PAY THE SECURITY DEPOSIT THROUGH RENTAL SECURITY DEPOSIT INSURANCE AND FAILS TO PAY THE PREMIUMS OF THE RENTAL SECURITY DEPOSIT INSURANCE, THE TENANT MUST PAY THE UNPAID PREMIUMS TO THE LANDLORD.

(5) *INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS.*

(I) IF A TENANT ELECTS TO PAY THE SECURITY DEPOSIT IN INSTALLMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (3)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH INSTALLMENT PAYMENT SHALL BE DUE ON THE SAME DAY AS EACH MONTHLY RENT PAYMENT.

(II) THE INSTALLMENT PAYMENT MAY BE PAID TOGETHER WITH THE MONTHLY RENT PAYMENT IN A SINGLE TRANSACTION, ABSENT SEPARATE AGREEMENT BY THE LANDLORD AND TENANT.

(6) *OTHER REQUIREMENTS NOT PRECLUDED.*

(I) *“RENTER’S INSURANCE” DEFINED.*

“RENTER’S INSURANCE” MEANS INSURANCE THAT COVERS A TENANT’S PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE PREMISES THE TENANT RENTS.

(II) *IN GENERAL.*

NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED:

(A) TO LIMIT A LANDLORD’S ABILITY TO REQUIRE STANDARD CREDIT, INCOME OR OTHER QUALIFICATIONS UPON APPLICATION FOR A NEW RENTAL AGREEMENT; OR

(B) TO PRECLUDE A LANDLORD FROM REQUIRING THAT A TENANT HAVE RENTER’S INSURANCE IN ADDITION TO RENTAL SECURITY DEPOSIT INSURANCE.”.

The amendments were read and adopted.

Then Councilmember Dorsey made a motion, which was seconded, to offer a floor amendment.

Amendment to City Council Bill No. 21-0022

Amendment No. 1 {Purpose clause}

On page 1 of the bill, in line 3, strike “certain” down through and including “leases” in line 4 and substitute “the inclusion of a lease provision permitting a tenant to pay a security deposit in installments”.

Amendment No. 2 {Amendments to ECD Committee Amendments}

On pages 1 through 3 of the Economic and Community Development Committee’s Amendments, strike Committee Amendment 2 in its entirety and substitute:

“Amendment 2

On page 2, in line 20, strike beginning with “ONE” down through and including the colon in line 21; and, on that same page, strike lines 22 through 33 in their entireties; and, on page 3, strike lines 1 through 17 in their entireties and substitute:

“PAYMENT OF THE SECURITY DEPOSIT OVER A SERIES OF NO LESS THAN 3 EQUAL MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS THAT:

(I) SHALL BE DUE ON THE SAME DAY AS THE MONTHLY RENT PAYMENT; AND

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(II) MAY BE PAID TOGETHER WITH THE MONTHLY RENT PAYMENT IN A SINGLE TRANSACTION, ABSENT SEPARATE AGREEMENT BY THE LANDLORD AND TENANT.

(4) OTHER REQUIREMENTS NOT PRECLUDED.

NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT A LANDLORD'S ABILITY TO REQUIRE STANDARD CREDIT, INCOME, OR OTHER QUALIFICATIONS UPON APPLICATION FOR A NEW RENTAL AGREEMENT."

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - Councilmembers Cohen, Dorsey - Total 2.

Nays - President and Councilmembers McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, - Total 12.

Abstain - Burnett - Total 1.

By roll call, the amendments failed for lack of a majority.

Then Councilmember McCray made a motion, which was seconded, to offer a floor amendment.

Amendment to City Council Bill No. 21-0022

Amendment No. 1 {HABC exemption}

On page 2, at the beginning of line 15, insert "(A)"; and, on that same page, after line 16, insert:

"(B) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO LEASES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTERED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY."

The amendment was read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

The bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

**BILL NO. 21-0013R REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ADOPTED**

Councilmember Middleton, for the Economic and Community Development Committee, reported Bill No. 21-0013R favorably.

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

**Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a
Class A-7 License – 1220 W. North Avenue**

FOR the purpose of providing the required approval under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev. § 12-902.1(d)(1) to allow the license holder holding a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License issued for use at 1220 W. North Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21217 to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to exchange their Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.

Recitals

Under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev. § 12-902.1(d)(1), a City Council resolution is required to allow a current holder of a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License issued on or before July 1, 2018, to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (the “Board”) to exchange their Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.

The Class A-7 License authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license for off-premise consumption. The holder of a Class A-7 License may sell beer, wine, and liquor on Monday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to midnight.

The license holder wishes to apply to the Board to exchange the Class B-D-7 License issued for use at 1220 W. North Avenue for a Class A-7 License. Accordingly, representatives of the license holder have applied to the Baltimore City Council for approval of the exchange.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the City Council authorizes, by and through this resolution, that the current holder of a Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License located at 1220 W. North Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21217, may apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (the “Board”) to exchange its Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License and may be afforded all the privileges and responsibilities of that license class and type under the Alcoholic Beverages Article for the State of Maryland.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City.

Favorable report adopted.

The roll was called on adoption of the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution adopted.

**BILL NO. 21-0014R REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ADOPTED**

Councilmember Middleton, for the Economic and Community Development Committee, reported Bill No. 21-001R favorably.

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

**Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a
Class A-7 License – 2733 Pennsylvania Avenue**

FOR the purpose of providing the required approval under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev. § 12-902.1(d)(1) to allow the license holder holding a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License issued for use at 2733 Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21217 to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to exchange their Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.

Recitals

Under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev. § 12-902.1(d)(1), a City Council resolution is required to allow a current holder of a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License issued on or before July 1, 2018, to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (the “Board”) to exchange their Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.

The Class A-7 License authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license for off-premise consumption. The holder of a Class A-7 License may sell beer, wine, and liquor on Monday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to midnight.

The license holder wishes to apply to the Board to exchange the Class B-D-7 License issued for use at 2733 Pennsylvania Avenue for a Class A-7 License. Accordingly, representatives of the license holder have applied to the Baltimore City Council for approval of the exchange.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the City Council authorizes, by and through this resolution, that the current holder of a Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License located at 2733 Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21217, may apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (the “Board”) to exchange its Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License and may be afforded all the privileges and responsibilities of that license class and type under the Alcoholic Beverages Article for the State of Maryland.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City.

Favorable report adopted.

The roll was called on adoption of the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution adopted.

**BILL NO. 21-0014R REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ADOPTED**

Councilmember Middleton, for the Economic and Community Development Committee, reported Bill No. 21-001R favorably.

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

**Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a
Class A-7 License – 2139 Pennsylvania Avenue**

FOR the purpose of providing the required approval under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev. § 12-902.1(d)(1) to allow the license holder holding a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License issued for use at 2139 Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21217 to apply to

the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to exchange their Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.

Recitals

Under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev. § 12-902.1(d)(1), a City Council resolution is required to allow a current holder of a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License issued on or before July 1, 2018, to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (the “Board”) to exchange their Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.

The Class A-7 License authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license for off-premise consumption. The holder of a Class A-7 License may sell beer, wine, and liquor on Monday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to midnight.

The license holder wishes to apply to the Board to exchange the Class B-D-7 License issued for use at 2139 Pennsylvania Avenue for a Class A-7 License. Accordingly, representatives of the license holder have applied to the Baltimore City Council for approval of the exchange.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the City Council authorizes, by and through this resolution, that the current holder of a Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License located at 2139 Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21217, may apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (the “Board”) to exchange its Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License and may be afforded all the privileges and responsibilities of that license class and type under the Alcoholic Beverages Article for the State of Maryland.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City.

Favorable report adopted.

The roll was called on adoption of the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution adopted.

**BILL NO. 21-0022R REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ADOPTED**

Councilmember Stokes, for the Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee, reported Bill No. 21-0022R favorably.

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Assisting Baltimore City Artists

FOR the purpose of calling on the Administration, if the City receives additional COVID-19 relief funds from the United States Congress, to invest at least \$1 million of those funds to establish an emergency fund to assist Baltimore City artists.

Recitals

The Baltimore City Council recognizes the significant contributions of artists in the City and their direct impact on economic vitality, community investment, and tourism attraction. Artists make up an integral part of Baltimore's cultural heritage and are a vital part of its national identity.

Independent artists make up a unique part of the City's workforce, many being self-employed and freelance workers. Due to these distinctions, many of the individuals that make up the artist workforce have gone without regular or pandemic unemployment assistance. Without this critical provision, artists have gone without traditional government assistance during a national health and economic crisis.

The Baltimore City Council requests that the Mayor's office provide critical emergency economic relief for Baltimore City's artists who have suffered undue hardships caused by the health and safety closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Should the City receive additional COVID-19 relief funds from the United States Congress, City Council requests that the Mayor invest at least \$1 million towards an emergency artist relief fund.

COVID-19 has had a disproportionate effect on Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BI-POC), both in terms of economic hardships and healthcare. This pandemic has negatively affected arts communities of color and further stifled their creativity and investment opportunities. The Council requests that any emergency artist fund specifically address and invest in BI-POC artists in Baltimore and that funds should be granted directly to individual artists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Council calls on the Administration, if the City receives additional COVID-19 relief funds from the United States Congress, to invest at least \$1 million of those funds to establish an emergency fund to assist Baltimore City artists.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Director of Finance, the Executive Director of the Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the Baltimore City Council.

Favorable report adopted.

The roll was called on adoption of the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution adopted.

**BILL NO. 21-0018R REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ADOPTED**

Councilmember Conway, for the Public Safety and Government Oversight Committee, reported Bill No. 21-0018R favorably.

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Investigative Hearing – Workday Enterprise Resource Planning Implementation

FOR the purpose of inviting the Director of the Department of Human Resources, the Director of the Department of Finance, the Director of the Baltimore City Office of Information & Technology, and other interested parties to appear before the Baltimore City Council to discuss: the development and implementation process of the Workday Enterprise System; what focus groups or other workgroups were created to identify potential problems during the development process; what offline performance tests were conducted to identify potential gaps in service delivery capabilities; and what corrective processes have been put in place to remedy the countless problems that the city has faced during this implementation process.

Recitals

WHEREAS, Baltimore’s vision for Workday was to implement the modern Workday Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) tool that would manage, automate, and connect key processes within the City’s complex network of agencies, services, and people, by saving valuable time and money;

WHEREAS, the former employee timekeeping practice that included punching time clocks or submitting paper time sheets was deemed less efficient. To be sure, several similarly-sized jurisdictions to Baltimore have already made the transition to cloud-based software applications, such as Workday;

WHEREAS, despite soaring expectations, the rollout of Workday was flawed from the outset, with hundreds of City employees being negatively impacted – many of whom are essential workers who continue to be our lifeline throughout the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, many employees have been underpaid or not paid entirely since the Workday rollout. In some cases, employees have not been paid for 6 weeks. This has caused an enormous financial strain among our city employees. As a result, many in our workforce have now fallen behind on monthly bills such as car payments, mortgage payments, and credit card bills;

WHEREAS, throughout implementation of the Workday system, there have been concerns around inadequate training and resources provided to employees, managers, and supervisors regarding navigating the system and entering hours worked; and

WHEREAS, City employees deserve transparency on this matter, and the City needs to provide information about what additional training and resources will be provided to correct the negative consequences that have occurred to our employees as a result of these system failures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Council invites the Director of the Department of Human Resources, the Director of the Department of Finance, the Director of the Baltimore City Office of Information & Technology, and other interested parties to appear before the Baltimore City Council to discuss: the development and implementation process of the Workday Enterprise System; what focus groups or other workgroups were created to identify potential problems during the development process; what offline performance tests were conducted to identify potential gaps in service delivery capabilities; and what corrective processes have been put in place to remedy the countless problems that the city has faced during this implementation process.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Director of the Department of Human Resources, the Director of the Department of Finance, the Director of the Baltimore City Office of Information & Technology, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the Baltimore City Council.

Favorable report adopted.

The roll was called on adoption of the Resolution, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the Resolution adopted.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Councilmember Schleifer made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the favorable report of the Committee on Executive Appointments be adopted.

The Appointment of Christopher J. Shorter, Administrative Office for the City of Baltimore - District 7.

The motion prevailed.

The President declared the favorable report adopted.

Councilmember Schleifer made a motion, which was duly seconded, that the appointment of Christopher J. Shorter be confirmed.

The roll was called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The President declared the appointment of Christopher J. Shorter confirmed.

BILL NO. 21-0020 REPORTED FAVORABLY, WITH AMENDMENTS, AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING

Councilmember Schleifer, for the Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee, reported Bill No. 21-0020 favorably, with amendments.

An Ordinance designating any female member of the Baltimore City Council as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Baltimore City Commission for Women; and providing for a special effective date.

Committee Amendments to City Council Bill No. 21-0020

Amendment No. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Ex-Officio Members**” and substitute “**Composition**”; and, on that same page, in line 4, after the semi-colon, insert “designating that a certain representative of the Office of Equity and Civil Rights be a non-voting member of the Commission;”; and, on page 2, after line 9, insert:

“(III) OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS MEMBER.

THE MAYOR SHALL APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BALTIMORE CITY OFFICE OF EQUITY AND CIVIL RIGHTS OR ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO BE A NON-VOTING MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION.”.

The amendments were read and adopted.

Favorable report, as amended, adopted.

The bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

**BILL NO. 21-0036 REPORTED FAVORABLY
AND ORDERED PRINTED FOR THIRD READING**

Councilmember Schleifer, for the Rules and Legislative Oversight Committee, reported Bill No. 21-0036 favorably.

An Ordinance establishing a common set of definitions, rules of interpretation, and methods for time computation for the Baltimore City Code.

Favorable report adopted.

The bill was read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

THIRD READING TODAY

Councilmember Middleton made a motion, which was duly seconded, to place Bill No. 21-0021 on third reading today.

The roll was called on the motion, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - 0.

Abstain - Burnett.

The President declared that three fourths of all the members-elect, voting in the affirmative, Article 3, Section 14 of the Charter having been complied with, the bill was placed on third reading file.

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 21-0021 - An Ordinance requiring a lease to have a provision regarding a 10-day grace period; and requiring a lease to have provisions regarding ~~the amount of money landlords may charge for late fees,~~ when landlords may charge tenants receiving public assistance for late fees, ~~late fees as a condition precedent to the tenant's right to redeem, and the types of fees landlords may recover,~~ and prohibiting this section from altering other remedies available to a landlord.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

THIRD READING

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 21-0005 - An Ordinance permitting, subject to certain conditions, the conversion of a single-family dwelling unit to 2 dwelling units in the R-7 Zoning District on the property known as 810 Argonne Drive (Block 3913C, Lot 021), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; providing for a special effective date; and granting variances from certain bulk regulations (lot area size), gross floor area per unit type, and off-street parking requirements.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 21-0006 - An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 407 Benninghaus Road (Block 5014C, Lot 004A), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the R-3 Zoning District to the OR-1 Zoning District.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 21-0010 - An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 2087 Druid Park Drive (Block 3390B, Lot 036), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-1 Zoning District to the IMU-1 Zoning District.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 21-0011 - An Ordinance changing the zoning for the property known as 2426 Pennsylvania Avenue (Block 0294, Lot 014), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the OR-1/R-MU Zoning District to the C-1-E Zoning District.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 21-0013 - An Ordinance changing the zoning for the properties known as 4015 Foster Avenue (Block 6447 Lot 021) and 4000 Hudson Street (Block 6457, Lot 018), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat, from the I-1 Zoning District to the IMU-2 Zoning District; and changing the zoning for the property known as 801 South Haven Street (Block 6458, Lot 003), from the I-2 Zoning District to the IMU-2 Zoning District, as outlined in blue on the accompanying plat.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 21-0015 - An Ordinance permitting, subject to certain conditions, the establishment, maintenance, and operation of parking lots on the properties known as 115 Mount Clare Street (Block 0251, Lot 068) and 118 Mount Clare Street (Block 0251, Lot 072), as outlined in red on the accompanying plat; and providing for a special effective date.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 14.

Nays - Dorsey.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

The President laid before the City Council:

BILL NO. 21-0024 - An Ordinance clarifying the City's minority business and women's business contract utilization requirements for certain emergency procurements; requiring that, after an emergency procurement, the agency submit a report to the Board of Estimates and the Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to greater transparency and utilization of minority and women's business in City emergency contracting.

It was read the third time.

The bill being on its final passage, the yeas and nays were called, resulting as follows:

Yeas - President and Councilmembers Cohen, McCray, Dorsey, Conway, Schleifer, Middleton, Torrence, Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Costello, Stokes, Glover, Ramos - Total 15.

Nays - 0.

The bill was read and approved, and the bill was declared "Passed".

**MOTION TO SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL RULES 10-2 AND 10-3
WITH REGARD TO BILL NO. 21-0035R**

Councilmember Stokes made a motion, duly seconded, to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 21-0035R.

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The motion carried without exception, and the President declared the rules suspended with regard to the bill. Then Councilmember Stokes announced a hearing date for the bill.

**MOTION TO SUSPEND CITY COUNCIL RULES 10-2 AND 10-3
WITH REGARD TO BILL NO. 21-0007R**

Councilmember Schleifer made a motion, duly seconded, to suspend Rules 10-2 and 10-3 in order to have an early hearing on Bill No. 21-0007R.

The motion carried without exception, and the President declared the rules suspended with regard to the bill. Then Councilmember Schleifer announced a hearing date for the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember, duly seconded, the City Council adjourned to meet on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Consent Calendar

CR 75 President Mosby, All Members

A City Council Resolution congratulating Vonnie Ervin on your 50th Birthday.

CR 76 President Mosby, All Members

A City Council Resolution on the death of Aleta Dianne Perry, October 2, 1948 – March 2, 2021.

CR 77 President Mosby, All Members

A City Council Resolution congratulating Aurea Torres on your 100th Birthday, may you experience a wealth of bliss, good health and happiness on this most special day.

CR 78 Ramos

A City Council Resolution on the death of Rosemary Jones Terry, November 19th, 1946 – March 2, 2021.

CR 79 Torrence

A City Council Resolution on the death of Barbara Elizabeth Savage, March 24, 1945 – March 2, 2012.

CR 80 President Mosby, All Members

A City Council Resolution congratulating Reverend Dr. Andre' H. Humphrey on over 30+ years of selfless service to the City of Baltimore and greater, we appreciate all that you have done, are doing, and will do for our community.

CR 81 Bullock

A City Council Resolution congratulating Kenny Davis on your Ministering God's word through song for 56+ years.

CR 82 President Mosby, All Members

A City Council Resolution congratulating Rachelle Hardnett on the opening of the Bomb Life Studio Salon in Baltimore.

CR 83 Porter

A City Council Resolution congratulating David McCartin on your many years of helping to keep Lakeland Park clean and your continued support to the Lakeland Community.

CR 84 President Mosby, All Members

A City Council Resolution congratulating Anees Abdul-Rahim on your pioneering service and tireless humanitarian efforts to the Islamic Community and the City of Baltimore.

CR 85 President Mosby, All Members

A City Council Resolution congratulating Larisa Feldsher on your retirement after 40 years of service to the Department of Public Waste of Baltimore City.

CR 86 President Mosby, All Members

A City Council Resolution congratulating Thomas Lipka on your retirement on March 31, 2021 after 35 years of service to the City of Baltimore.

CR 87 President Mosby, All Members

A City Council Resolution congratulating Robert Thomas Branch, Jr. on your retirement on May 1, 2021 after 31 years of service to the City of Baltimore.

CR 88 President Mosby, All Members

A City Council Resolution congratulating Dr. Elmore Edward Warren, Jr.

CR 89 President Mosby, All Members

A City Council Resolution on the death of Harold Bennett, November 1, 1948 – March 17, 2021.

CR 90 President Mosby, All Members

A City Council Resolution on the death of El Hajj Anees Abdul-Rahim, November 3, 1954 – March 17, 2021