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**Title:** Public Parks, Squares, etc. - Closure Requirements

FOR the purpose of requiring City Council approval before a public park, square, or recreational facility may be closed for longer than a certain period; providing for certain exceptions; and generally relating to the public's right of access to public parks, squares, and recreational facilities.

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
9/29/2008	0	Mayor	Signed by Mayor	
9/22/2008	0	City Council	Approved and Sent to the Mayor	
9/15/2008	0	Community Development Subcommittee	Recommended Favorably with Amendment	
9/15/2008	0	City Council	Advanced to 3rd Rdr., Adopted Comm. Report	
5/19/2008	0	Community Development Subcommittee	Scheduled for a Public Hearing	
4/10/2008	0	The City Council	Referred for a Report	
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4/7/2008	0	City Council		
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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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INTRODUCTORY\*

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmember Cole

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning  
**Public Parks, Squares, etc. - Closure Requirements**

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BY adding

Article 7 - Natural Resources  
Section(s) 51-5  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

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

Baltimore City Code

Article 7. Natural Resources

Division V. City Parks and Trees

Subtitle 51. Department Jurisdiction

§ 51-5. PARKS, SQUARES, ETC., TO REMAIN OPEN.

(A) IN GENERAL.

NO PARK, SQUARE, OR RECREATIONAL FACILITY OPERATED BY OR UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS MAY BE CLOSED, IN WHOLE OR ANY SUBSTANTIAL PART, FOR MORE THAN 72 CONSECUTIVE HOURS WITHOUT THE EXPRESS PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

(B) EMERGENCIES EXCEPTED.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE EXTENT THAT A CLOSURE IS NECESSITATED BY AN EMERGENCY THAT ENDANGERS THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY.

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.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

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