

Investigative Hearing - Residency Requirements for City Officials

For the purpose of having a hearing to measure the compliance of City Officials with residency and voting registration requirements, and to determine how to move forward so that 100% compliance is reached.

Recitals

Under Article 1 of the Baltimore City Code, the heads of agencies that report directly to the Mayor and at-will supervisory employees who report to an agency head or directly to the Mayor must, with one caveat, be a resident of and registered to vote in Baltimore City at the time of their appointment and must remain a resident and registered voter throughout their entire office term. This provision does not apply to heads of agencies or at-will supervisory employees who, before their appointment, sign a declaration of intent to become a City resident and registered voter within 6 months of the effective date of their employment. If the agency head or at-will supervisory employee does not become a City resident and registered voter within 6 months of the effective date of their employment, their employment is automatically terminated at the end of the 6 month period.

It is important that those who make major decisions for Baltimore City reside and vote in Baltimore City. City residents should be governed by those who have made a similar commitment to live and vote in the City. It is likely that not all those who are required to be City residents and registered voters are currently complying with the Code provision. Therefore, a hearing should be held to determine whether there is general compliance with the provision, and if there is not general compliance, how such compliance can be achieved.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That a hearing is held to measure the compliance of City Officials with residency and voting registration requirements, and to determine how to move forward so that 100% compliance is reached.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Interim Director of Human Resources, Director of Finance, the City Solicitor, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.