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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
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INTRODUCTORY*

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL
(Charter Amendment)

Introduced by: Councilmember Kraft

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning
Charter Amendment - Sustainability Funds

FOR the purpose of expressly authorizing the establishment of 1 or more continuing, nonlapsing funds to be used for promoting sustainability and a clean and safe environment in the City and for related purposes; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to
Article I - General Provisions
Section(s) 11
Baltimore City Charter
(1996 Edition)

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the City Charter is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

Baltimore City Charter

Article I. General Provisions

§ 11. SUSTAINABILITY FUNDS.

(A) AUTHORIZATION.

BY ORDINANCE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE MAY ESTABLISH 1 OR MORE CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUNDS FOR PURPOSES OF PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY AND A CLEAN AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, INCLUDING:

(1) ADMINISTERING THE ACTIVITIES OF A CITY OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY;

- (2) PERFORMING EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH ON SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES;
 - (3) PROVIDING ASSISTANCE BY LOAN, GRANT, OR OTHERWISE TO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS UNDERTAKING ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY;
 - (4) CONDUCTING RESEARCH FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY; AND
 - (5) FUNDING RELATED CITY PROGRAMS.
- (B) REVENUE SOURCES.

A FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY COMPRISE:

- (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND IN THE ANNUAL ORDINANCES OF ESTIMATES;
 - (2) GRANTS OR DONATIONS MADE TO THE FUND; AND
 - (3) PROCEEDS FROM FINES, FEES, AND PROGRAMS DEDICATED TO THE FUND BY ORDINANCE.
- (C) CONTINUING NATURE OF FUND.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CHARTER, UNSPENT PORTIONS OF A FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION:

- (1) REMAIN IN THE FUND, TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THEIR ORDAINED PURPOSES;
- (2) DO NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL REVENUES OF THE CITY; AND
- (3) THEIR APPROPRIATIONS DO NOT LAPSE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment to the City Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or rejection, in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the City Solicitor.

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