



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

**City of Baltimore
Council Bill**

Introduced by: The Council President

At the request of: The Administration (Baltimore City Fire Department)

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

Baltimore City Fire Code - Telephone Access to 9-1-1 Emergency System

For the purpose of requiring that certain multiple-line telephone systems allow for the direct dial of 9-1-1; defining certain terms; authorizing certain inspections; providing for certain fines; and generally relating to access to the City's 9-1-1 emergency system.

By repealing and re-ordaining with amendments

Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes
Section 8-102 (IFC § 110.7)
Baltimore City Revised Code
(2018 Edition)

By adding

Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes
Section 8-102 (IFC § 916)
Baltimore City Revised Code
(2018 Edition)

By repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
Section 40-14(e)(6)
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 Revised Code

Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes

Part VIII. Fire Code

§ 8-102. City modifications.

The additions, deletions, amendments, and other modifications adopted by the City are as follows:

Chapter 1. Scope and Administration

Section 110 Violations

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110.7 Citations for certain offenses. In accordance with City Code Article 1, Subtitle 40 {"Environmental Control Board"}, City Code Article 1, Subtitle 41 {"Civil Citations"}, or City Code Article 19, Subtitle 71 {"Special Enforcement Officers"}, a prepayable citation may be issued to the owner, agent, or person responsible for the operation or in charge of any occupancy that fails to comply with the following provisions of this Code:

1. § 108.6 {"Maintenance: Overcrowding"}
2. § 111.1 {"Unsafe Buildings: General"}, [or]
3. § 916.4 {"Telephone Access to the City's 9-1-1 Emergency System: General"}
4. § 1001.2 {"Means of Egress: Minimum Requirements"}.

Chapter 9. Fire Protection Systems

Section 916 Telephone Access to the City's 9-1-1 Emergency System

916.1 "Multiple-line telephone system" defined. In this section, "multiple-line telephone system" has the meaning stated in State Public Safety Article, _

1-314 {“Connection of multiple-line telephone system to allow for direct dialing of 9-1-1”}.

916.2 Purpose. In order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, the purpose of this section is to ensure that any person using a multiple-line telephone system can direct dial 9-1-1- without having to dial another number first.

916.3 Applicability. This section applies to any person that installs or operates a multiple-line telephone system.

916.4 General. A person that installs or operates a multiple-line telephone system shall ensure that the system is connected to the public switched telephone network in such a way that when an individual using the system dials 9-1-1, the call connects to the public safety answering point without requiring the user to dial any other number or set of numbers.

916.4.1 Authority to inspect. The Fire Department shall inspect the installation and operation of a multiple-line telephone system and enforce compliance in accordance with _ 107 {“Inspections”} of this Code.

Baltimore City Code

Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

Subtitle 40. Environmental Control Board

§ 40-14. Violations to which subtitle applies.

(e) *Provisions and penalties enumerated.*

(5c) ***Building, Fire, and Related Codes Article - Fire Code***

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§ 916.4 {“Telephone Access to the City’s 9-1-1 Emergency System General”}

1st offense

2nd and subsequent offenses \$100

\$200

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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.