



# City of Baltimore

City Council  
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Baltimore, Maryland 21202

## Legislation Text

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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 Kraft

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning  
**Police Ordinances - National Anthem**

FOR the purpose of repealing provisions purporting to regulate the playing, singing, or rendering of the Star-Spangled Banner.

BY repealing

Article 19 - Police Ordinances

Subtitle 49, in its entirety

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 19. Police Ordinances

[Subtitle 49. StarSpangled Banner]

[§ 49] To be performed as entirety.

(a) In general.

“The StarSpangled Banner” shall not be played, sung or rendered in the City of Baltimore in any public place, or at any public entertainment, or in any theatre or moving picture hall, restaurant, or cafe, except as an entire and separate composition or number, without embellishments of national or other melodies.

(b) Use in medley prohibited.

Nor shall “The StarSpangled Banner” or any part thereof or selection from the same be played as a part or selection of a medley of any kind.]

[§ 492] Use for dancing or exit march prohibited.

Nor shall “The StarSpangled Banner” be played at or in any of the places mentioned for dancing or as an exit march.]

[§ 493] Performers, etc., to stand.

And whenever and wherever practicable, the musicians, performers, or other persons shall stand while playing, singing, or rendering “The StarSpangled Banner”.]

[§ 494] Proprietor responsible.

No owner, proprietor, or manager of any theatre, moving picture hall, or restaurant, cafe or other place in the City of Baltimore where the public gathers shall permit or allow anyone playing, singing, or performing therein to play, sing, or render “The StarSpangled Banner” in violation of the provisions of this subtitle, and in the event of any such permission or allowance, such owner, proprietor, or manager, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to the penalties imposed by § 496 of this subtitle.]

[§ 495] {Reserved}]

[§ 496] Penalties.

Any person violating the provisions of this subtitle shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof before a Court of competent jurisdiction of this State, shall be fined not more than \$100.]

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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