



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

**City of Baltimore
Council Bill**

Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

Discounted City Services and Equipment for Nonprofit Events

For the purpose of requiring that the City grant a 50% discount for City services and equipment used to support a nonprofit event; creating certain exceptions and exemptions; and generally relating to the provision of City support to nonprofit events.

By adding

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
Section(s) 37-1 to 37-3, to be under the new subtitle designation
“Subtitle 37. Nonprofit Event Discount”
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 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

Subtitle 37. Nonprofit Event Discount

§ 37-1. Discount on City services and equipment costs for nonprofit events.

(a) *In general.*

(1) *Required discount.*

Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, if the net proceeds from any event are to be used exclusively for the benefit of a qualifying organization described in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the fees for City services or equipment used to support the event must be reduced by 50% from the

otherwise applicable rate.

(2) *Qualifying organizations.*

(i) An organization qualifies for the 50% discount required by paragraph (1) of this subsection if it is:

- (A) a nonprofit, tax-exempt charitable or religious organization; or
- (B) an organization that is not required to pay any federal, state, or local taxes.

(ii) Organizations eligible for the 50% discount required by paragraph (1) of this subsection include:

- (A) The Baltimore Development Corporation's Main Street programs;
- (B) Retail Business District Business Associations established under City Code Article 14, § 11-9. {"Business Associations"};
- (C) Business Improvement Districts; and
- (D) Community associations, neighborhood organizations, homeowners' associations, and associated block clubs.

(b) *Documentation to be provided.*

The sponsoring organization must submit satisfactory evidence documenting its qualifications for the discount provided by this section at the time that it requests City services or equipment for its event.

(c) *Exclusions.*

The following types of events are not eligible for the 50% discount required by this section:

- (1) pub crawls; and
- (2) road races.

§ 37-2. Fees ineligible for discount.

The 50% discount required by this subtitle does not apply to:

- (1) the Department of Recreation and Parks fee schedule; or
- (2) fees imposed by the Parking Authority.

§ 37-3. Rules and regulations.

(a) *In general.*

The Director of Finance may adopt rules and regulations to carry out this subtitle.

(b) *Copies to be filed with Legislative Reference.*

A copy of all rules and regulations adopted under this section must be filed with the Department of Legislative Reference before they become effective.

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.