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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: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration

#### A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning  
**Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission - Amendments**

For the purpose of amending the composition of the Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission; altering procedures for meetings of the Commission; providing for staff to the Commission; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission.

By repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies  
Sections 55-3 and 55-6  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

By adding

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies  
Sections 55-7  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

By repealing

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies  
Sections 55-8 and 55-9  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

By renumbering

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies  
Sections 55-10, 55-12, and 55-13  
to be  
Sections 55-8, 55-9, and 55-10

Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

**Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,** That Sections 55-10, 55-12, and 55-13, respectively, of Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies of the Baltimore City Code be renumbered to be Sections 55-8, 55-9, and 55-10, respectively.

**Section 2. And be it further ordained,** That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

## **Baltimore City Code**

### **Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies.**

#### **Subtitle 55. Mayor's Anti-Animal Abuse Advisory Commission.**

##### **§ 55-3. Advisory Commission membership.**

(a) *In general.*

(1) The Advisory Commission consists of [26] 15 members.

(2) Of these:

(i) [15] 7 members are appointed by the Mayor in accordance with Article IV, § 6 of the Baltimore City Charter; and

(ii) [11] 8 members are [agency representatives.] ex-officio members.

(b) *Appointed members.*

The [15] 7 appointed members of the Advisory Commission are as follows:

[(1) 1 member representing each of the following 4 organizations:]

[(i) Maryland SPCA;]

[(ii) The Snyder Foundation for Animals;]

[(iii) the ASPCA; and]

[(iv) the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter.]

[(2) 1 City Council member, nominated by the President of the City Council.]

[(3) 1 judge.]

[(4) 1 veterinarian practicing in Baltimore City.]

[(5) 4 at-large members.]

[(6) 4 at-large members, nominated by the President of the City Council.]

(1) 2 members representing:

- (i) animal rescue groups; or
- (ii) animal advocacy organizations;
- (2) 2 at-large members, nominated by the Mayor;
- (3) 1 member of the City Council, nominated by the President of the City Council; and
- (4) 2 at-large members, nominated by the President of the City Council.

(c) *[Agency representatives.] Ex-officio members.*

The [11 agency representatives] 8 ex-officio members are the following, or their designated representatives:

- [(1) the Director of the Bureau of Animal Control.]
  - [(2) the Health Commissioner.]
  - [(3) the Director of Juvenile Services.]
  - [(4) the Director of Social Services.]
  - [(5) the Mayor.]
  - [(6) the President of the City Council.]
  - [(7) the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City.]
  - [(8) the Police Commissioner.]
  - [(9) the Baltimore City Sheriff.]
  - [(10) the Commissioner of Housing.]
  - [(11) the CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System]
- (1) the Mayor;
  - (2) the President of the City Council;
  - (3) the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City;
  - (4) the Baltimore City Sheriff;
  - (5) the Police Commissioner;
  - (6) the Health Commissioner;
  - (7) the Director of the Bureau of Animal Control; and
  - (8) the chief executive officer, executive director, or director of an animal shelter operating within the boundaries of the City.

(d) *Appointment without regard to political affiliation.*

The appointment of members must be made without regard to political affiliation.

**§ 55-6. Meetings; quorum.**

(a) *In general.*

(1) The Advisory Commission [meets once per month.] shall meet at least 2 times each calendar year.

(2) The Advisory Commission may hold additional meetings, at the call of the Chair, as frequently as required to perform its duties.

(3) A majority of the members of the Advisory Commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(4) An affirmative vote by the majority of a quorum is needed for any official action.

(b) *Rules of procedure.*

The Advisory Commission may adopt rules of procedure to govern its meetings and procedures.

(c) *Failure to attend meetings.*

If any member is absent from regularly scheduled meetings more than [3 times] 1 time in 1 year, not counting absences excused by the Chair:

(1) the member is considered to have resigned; and

(2) the Chair must request that the member's appointing authority fill the resultant vacancy.

**§ 55-7. Personnel; Budget.**

(a) *Staff.*

The City Health Department shall provide adequate staff for the Advisory Commission to carry out its duties.

(b) *Volunteers.*

The Advisory Commission may engage the services of volunteer workers, without salary.

(c) *Budget.*

The Advisory Commission may expend funds as authorized in the Ordinance of Estimates.

**[§ 55-8. Volunteers.]**

[The Advisory Commission may engage the services of volunteer workers, without salary.]

**[§ 55-9. Budget.]**

[The Advisory Commission may expend funds as authorised in the Ordinance of Estimates.]

**Section 3. And be it further ordained,** That this Ordinance takes effect on date it is enacted.