



# City of Baltimore

City Council  
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## 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 Branch

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning  
**Police Equipment - Audio-Video Recording Devices**

FOR the purpose of requiring all polices officers employed by the Baltimore City Police Department to be personally equipped with digital audio-and-video recording devices; and allowing a phased implementation of this requirement during the 1st year following the effective date of this Ordinance.

BY adding  
Article 19 - Police Ordinances  
Section(s) 76-1, to be under the new subtitle,  
"Subtitle 76. Police Equipment"  
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 76. POLICE EQUIPMENT

§ 76-1. AUDIO-VIDEO RECORDING DEVICES REQUIRED.

EVERY POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYED BY THE BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT MUST BE PERSONALLY EQUIPPED WITH A DIGITAL AUDIO-AND-VIDEO PORTABLE RECORDING DEVICE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance:

(a) for the 1st year following the effective date of this Ordinance, the devices required by this Ordinance need be provided only to patrol officers newly hired during that year by the Baltimore City Police Department; but

(b) beginning on the 1st anniversary of the effective date of this Ordinance, the devices required by this Ordinance must be provided to all police officers employed by the Baltimore City Police Department.

SECTION 3. 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 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

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