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Introductory*

City of Baltimore Council Bill

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Office of Sustainability)

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

The Baltimore City Sustainability Plan

For the purpose of adopting a new Sustainability Plan for Baltimore City; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to all elements of sustainability, including air quality, water quality, resource conservation and recycling, energy, public health, environmental justice, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of transportation.

Recitals

Article 5, § 34-4 of the Baltimore City Code requires that the Commission on Sustainability prepare a Comprehensive Sustainability Plan and, from time to time, recommend appropriate amendments to it.

Article 5, § 34-5 of the Baltimore City Code requires, among other things, that the Commission's Comprehensive Sustainability Plan discuss all elements of sustainability, including air quality, water quality, resource conservation and recycling, energy, public health, environmental justice, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the use of alternative means of transportation. The Plan is also to establish 3-, 5-, and 10-year sustainability targets.

The City of Baltimore last adopted a comprehensive sustainability plan by Ordinance 09-141, effective March 12, 2009.

The Commission of Sustainability, assisted by the Office of Sustainability in the Department of Planning, has prepared a new comprehensive sustainability plan for the City. To become effective, it must be approved by an Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Baltimore City Sustainability Plan, dated February 4, 2019, its strategies, actions, and measures of success, are approved. The Sustainability Plan, as approved, shall be incorporated into the City's Comprehensive Master Plan as an appendix.

Section 2. And be it further ordained, That the Sustainability Commission annually shall review and submit a written report to the City Council on the state of the Sustainability Plan's implementation, goal

achievements, and other effects, and recommend any amendments to the Plan that the Commission finds necessary or appropriate.

Section 3. And be it further ordained, That after enactment of this Ordinance, a copy of it and of the Sustainability Plan adopted by it be sent to the Mayor, Mayor's Office of Employment Development, Department of Finance, Health Department, Baltimore City Heritage Area, Baltimore Housing (Department of Housing and Community Development/Housing Authority of Baltimore City), Law Department, Department of Legislative Reference, Mayor's Office of Minority Business Development, Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods, Department of Planning, Police Department, Department of Public Works, Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Transportation, the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities, the Enoch Pratt Free Library System, the Baltimore City Public School System, and the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals.

Section 4. And be it further ordained, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is enacted.