



Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** City Property - Naming the Fire Station, Located at 5714 Eastern Avenue, to be the Konstantine Prevas Fire Station  
For the purpose of naming the fire station, located at 5714 Eastern Avenue, to be the Konstantine Prevas Fire Station.

**Sponsors:** Zeke Cohen, President Young, Brandon M. Scott, Isaac "Yitzzy" Schleifer, John T. Bullock, Kristerfer Burnett

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**Code sections:**

**Attachments:** 1. 18-0219~1st Reader, 2. Real Estate 18-0219, 3. Planning 18-0219, 4. Fire 18-0219, 5. Law 18-0219, 6. 18-0219~3rd Reader, 7. Completed File\_18-0219

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
9/17/2018	0	Mayor	Signed by Mayor	
8/6/2018	0	City Council	Approved and Sent to the Mayor	
8/6/2018	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Recommended Favorably	
8/6/2018	0	City Council	3rd Reader, for final passage	
7/17/2018	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Recommended Favorably	Pass
7/9/2018	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Scheduled for a Public Hearing	
4/19/2018	0	The City Council	Refer to Fire Department	
4/19/2018	0	The City Council	Refer to Dept. of Real Estate	
4/19/2018	0	The City Council	Refer to Planning Commission	
4/19/2018	0	The City Council	Refer to City Solicitor	
4/16/2018	0	City Council	Assigned	
4/16/2018	0	City Council	Introduced	

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The official copy considered by the City Council is the first reader copy.

**Introductory\***

**City of Baltimore  
Council Bill**

Introduced by: Councilmember Cohen  
At the request of: The African American Fire Fighters Historical Society, Inc.

Address: c/o George Collins, President, 3915 Maine Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21207  
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A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

**City Property - Naming the Fire Station, Located at 5714 Eastern Avenue, to be the Konstantine Prevas Fire Station**

For the purpose of naming the fire station, located at 5714 Eastern Avenue, to be the Konstantine Prevas Fire Station.

By authority of

Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement  
Section 20-2  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

**Recitals**

In 1968, Mr. Konstantine Prevas, World War II veteran, attorney, and leader in Baltimore's Greek community, was a member of the Baltimore City's Board of Fire Commissioners. At that time the Board of Fire Commissioners was the governing body over the Fire Department. Although there had been, in 1953, a desegregation decision by the Board of Fire Commissioners, barriers of discrimination still remained, including segregation in some of Baltimore City's fire houses. In a vote to change this situation, Mr. Prevas cast the deciding vote to ensure impartiality, equality, and scrutiny of the system for all members of the Baltimore City Fire Department.

The following statement was released from an Executive Session of the Fire Board, held April 30, 1968:

“The Board wishes to clearly state that it is unalterably opposed to the unwritten rule that seems to prevail in a few isolated fire houses with respect to the use of beds, toilets and other facilities. All such facilities are provided by the City for use by all members and are not to be assigned on the basis of race. In short if there are any “unwritten” rules that cause discrimination in any form whatsoever, they will be eliminated immediately.”.

**Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,** That the fire station, home of Truck Company #20 and Medic #20 and located at 5714 Eastern Avenue, is named the Konstantine Prevas Fire Station.

**Section 2. And be it further ordained,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.