



# City of Baltimore

City Council  
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## Legislation Text

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
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INTRODUCTORY\*

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmember Kraft

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning  
**Baltimore City Office of Sustainability**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Baltimore City Office of Sustainability; providing for the appointment of an Executive Director and staff for the Office; providing for the establishment and implementation of an Environmental Management Program; specifying the powers and duties of the Office and the Executive Director; and generally relating to an Office of Sustainability.

BY adding

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies  
Section(s) 34-1 through 34-12, to be under the new subtitle,  
"Subtitle 34. Office of Sustainability"  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

BY adding

Article 8 - Ethics  
Section(s) 7-8(39)  
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 34. BALTIMORE CITY OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

§ 34-1. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) DIRECTOR.

"DIRECTOR" MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE.

(C) "INCLUDES"; "INCLUDING".

"INCLUDES" OR "INCLUDING" MEANS BY WAY OF ILLUSTRATION AND NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION.

(D) OFFICE.

"OFFICE" MEANS THE BALTIMORE CITY OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY.

§ 34-2. {RESERVED}

§ 34-3. OFFICE ESTABLISHED.

THERE IS A BALTIMORE CITY OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY.

§ 34-4. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE IS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, § 6 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

§ 34-5. STAFF AND CONSULTANTS.

THE DIRECTOR MAY EMPLOY A STAFF AND MAY CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANTS AND OTHER EXPERTS AS PROVIDED IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

§ 34-6. {RESERVED}

§ 34-7. MISSION OF OFFICE.

(A) "SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY" DEFINED.

A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY IS ONE IN WHICH ECONOMIC, ECOLOGICAL, AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING ARE INTEGRATED TO ENSURE ALL LIVE WELL, WITHIN NATURE'S MEANS.

(B) PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS.

(1) THE MISSION OF THE OFFICE IS TO DEVELOP AND ADVOCATE FOR PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS BY GOVERNMENT, CITIZENS, AND BUSINESSES THAT LEAD TO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES IN THE CITY.

(2) THESE PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND ACTIONS INCLUDE THOSE THAT:

(I) SUPPORT A DIVERSE AND VIBRANT ECONOMY;

(II) PROMOTE AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES;

(III) PROTECT AND RESTORE THE INTEGRITY OF THE NATURAL SYSTEMS THAT SUPPORT LIFE, INCLUDING AIR, WATER, AND LAND;

(IV) PRESERVE THE DIVERSITY OF PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE; AND

(V) REDUCE HUMAN IMPACTS ON LOCAL AND WORLDWIDE ECOSYSTEMS.

§ 34-8. {RESERVED}

§ 34-9. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

(A) OFFICE TO DEVELOP.

THE OFFICE SHALL DEVELOP AN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY.

(B) COMPONENTS.

THE PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR:

(1) DEVELOPING OR COORDINATING CITY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS THAT WILL IMPROVE ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE IN CITY OPERATIONS;

(2) FACILITATING THE CITY'S COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS;

(3) ADVANCING THE CITY'S ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES;

(4) INTEGRATING SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES INTO CITY PLANS, PROGRAMS, AND POLICIES; AND

(5) SETTING SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL TARGETS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE CITY.

(C) IMPLEMENTATION.

THE OFFICE SHALL OVERSEE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM.

§ 34-10. SUPPORT FOR OTHER PROGRAMS AND POLICIES.

(A) IN GENERAL.

THE OFFICE SHALL SEEK TO ASSURE PROPER CITY SUPPORT FOR THE CITY'S GREEN BUILDING, ENERGY POLICY, AND SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS.

(B) SPECIFIC DUTIES.

TO THIS END, THE OFFICE SHALL:

- (1) DIRECT AND EVALUATE ENERGY POLICY AND GLOBAL WARMING ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION;
- (2) ADMINISTER AND MONITOR DIRECT CITY GOVERNMENT ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACTIVITIES;
- (3) REVIEW CITY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE POLICY;
- (4) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS;
- (5) ADMINISTER AND MONITOR PROGRAMS IN SUPPORT OF GREEN BUILDING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES; AND
- (6) ADMINISTER THE CITY'S SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS.

§ 34-11. DIRECTOR'S POWERS AND DUTIES - IN GENERAL.

THE DIRECTOR SHALL:

- (1) PREPARE AND UPDATE ANNUALLY A SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLANNING AGENDA FOR THE CITY;
- (2) REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ON THE PERFORMANCE IN MEETING SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL TARGETS AND OBJECTIVES OF:
  - (I) EACH CITY AGENCY; AND
  - (II) THE CITY OVERALL;
- (3) NEGOTIATE AND ADMINISTER CONTRACTS WITH AND CITY FUNDING OF ORGANIZATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, PROGRAMS, COMPLIANCE, PERFORMANCE, AND ADVOCACY;
- (4) SERVE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER AFFECTED AGENCY HEADS, AS THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVE TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN ISSUES RELATING TO SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT;
- (5) MANAGE THE ACTIVITIES, AS DESCRIBED IN CITY CODE ARTICLE 5, SUBTITLE 34, OF THE COMMISSION ON RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECYCLING;
- (6) REGULARLY REVIEW AND PROPOSE APPROPRIATE CHANGES TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL

MANAGEMENT PROGRAM; AND

(7) PERFORM ANY OTHER DUTIES PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

§ 34-12. DIRECTOR'S POWERS AND DUTIES - RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(A) DIRECTOR MAY ADOPT.

THE DIRECTOR MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) FILING WITH LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE.

A COPY OF ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BEFORE THEY TAKE EFFECT.

#### Article 8. Ethics

§ 7-8. Persons required to file - Agency officials and staff.

Except as provided in § 7-10 {"Person filing with State"} of this subtitle, the following officials and employees must file the financial disclosure statements required by this subtitle:

(39) SUSTAINABILITY, OFFICE OF.

(I) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

(II) ALL NON-CLERICAL EMPLOYEES OF OFFICE.

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.

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