



# City of Baltimore

City Council  
City Hall, Room 408  
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Baltimore, Maryland 21202

## Legislation Text

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INTRODUCTORY\*

### CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Middleton, Welch

#### A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning  
**City Property - Naming Squad 40 Truck 12 BC 5 RA44 Fire Station, located at 3906 Liberty Heights Avenue,  
the Marion C. Bascom Fire Station**

FOR the purpose of naming Squad 40 Truck 12 BC 5 RA44 Fire Station, located at 3906 Liberty Heights Avenue,  
the Marion C. Bascom Fire Station.

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

#### Recitals

Reverend Dr. Marion C. Bascom was appointed Baltimore City's first African American Fire Commissioner, in 1968. In 1946, Reverend Bascom earned his college degree in English, from Florida Memorial College. He also served as pastor of Shiloh Baptist and First Baptist Church, both in Pensacola, Florida. In 1948, he earned his Bachelor's of Divinity degree from Howard University, and the following year he began his 46-year tenure at Douglas Memorial Community Church, in Baltimore.

While at Douglas, Reverend Bascom demonstrated his strong leadership skills in the pulpit, as well as in the community. In 1962, he created "Camp Farthest Out," an overnight summer camp for underprivileged children. In 1963, he participated in the Gwyn Oak Park Demonstration, a protest that led to the desegregation of Baltimore's amusement parks, and under his leadership and direction, calm was restored to the City after the disturbances that followed Martin Luther King's assassination. In 1970, he received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree from his alma mater, Florida Memorial College. Reverend Bascom also founded the Association of Black Charities, an umbrella organization of the United Way. His commitment to the community includes the development of Douglas Village, a 49-unit apartment complex, the Douglas Memorial Federal Credit Union, and a "Meals-on-Wheels" program for the sick and elderly.

After his retirement from Douglas Memorial, in 1995, Reverend Bascom served as the interim Director of Morgan University's Christian Center. He has received numerous awards for his civic and community leadership and is a

member of the

Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the National Council of Community Churches, and the Baltimore Hospitals Commission Board.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That Squad 40 Truck 12 BC 5 RA44 Fire Station, located at 3906 Liberty Heights Avenue, is named the Marion C. Bascom Fire Station.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

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