



# 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: Councilmember Cohen

At the request of: The African American Fire Fighters Historical Society, Inc.

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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.