

The Charter of Baltimore City

Article II – General Powers

The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland; and in particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by ordinance, or such other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the provisions of said Constitution and Public General Laws:

(48) ~~(A)~~ To provide CIVIL AND CRIMINAL FINES AND penalties for the violation of any ordinance, rule or regulations established by the City under or in the execution of any power granted by this Article II; provided that no fine OR PENALTY shall exceed \$1000.00 and no imprisonment shall be for a longer period than 12 months.

~~(B) TO ESTABLISH, BY ORDINANCE:~~

~~(1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS, REMEDIES, AND PENALTIES FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF LOTS, BUILDINGS, AND PUBLIC PROPERTY; AND~~

~~(2) APPROPRIATE JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ANY ORDER OR DECISION RESULTING FROM ANY PROCEEDING ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 1997.

May 22, 1997

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 305.

This bill increases the number of circuit court judges by adding one additional judge to the judicial circuits of Anne Arundel, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties effective July 1, 1997, and by adding one additional judge to the Baltimore County circuit effective January 1, 1998. In addition, the bill increases the number of District Court judges by adding one judge each for District 5 and District 8 effective July 1, 1997.

Senate Bill 219, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 8, 1997, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 305.

Sincerely,