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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Bill: 21-0162

Urban Renewal - Brooklyn-Curtis Bay - Amendment

Sponsor:

Councilmember Porter

Introduced: October 4, 2021

Purpose:

For the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay to extend the time the Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay remains in full force and effect; amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Brooklyn-Curtis Bay to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area and to extend the life of the Plan; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

Effective:

Date of enactment

Agency Reports

| City Solicitor | Favorable/Amendment |
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| Planning Commission | Favorable/Amendment |
| Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals | No Comment |
| Commission on Historical and Architectural | No Objection |
| Preservation | |
| Department of Transportation | |

| Department of Public Works | |
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| Baltimore Development Corporation | Favorable |
| Department of Housing and Community Development | Favorable |

Analysis

Current Law

Article 13 - Housing and Urban Renewal; Section 2-6; Baltimore City Code; (Edition 2000)

Background

Urban Renewal Plans (URP), which are adopted by the Mayor and City Council, set forth redevelopment goals, design guidelines, land use restrictions, as well as authority for property acquisition and disposition. URPs are often used by urban centers to generate financing for community improvements, the creation of jobs and income.

The Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Urban Renewal Plan was established in 1982. Records show five (5) amendments have been made to the original plan. Any changes to the URP must be approved by the Mayor and City Council. The Maryland Annotated Code requires all Urban Renewal Plans (URPs) that have designated properties for acquisition and disposition that have not yet been acted upon to be expressly confirmed and reauthorized every four years, for the life of the URP. The Brooklyn-Curtis Bay URP expired on December 5, 2021

Bill 21-0162 would extend the time the Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Business Area Urban Renewal Plan remains in full force and effect through and including December 5, 2022.

The Department of Planning is proposing an amendment for this bill to extend the effective date to December 5, 2023.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: Not Available

Information Source(s): Bill 21-0162 and Reporting Agencies

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