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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Bill: 22-0282

Urban Renewal - Oliver - Amendment

Sponsor:

President – Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development)

Introduced: September 19, 2022

Purpose:

For the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Oliver to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area, to extend the life of the Plan, and to remove certain properties from the list in Appendices B and C; 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:

The date of enactment.

Agency Reports

City Solicitor -	Favorable/Comments
Department of Housing and Community Development	Favorable
Baltimore Development Corporation	No Objection
Department of Public Works	No Objection
Department of Transportation	
Planning Commission	Unable to Make
	Recommendation

Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation	No Objection
Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals	Defers to Planning

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 and the creation of jobs and income.

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 Oliver Urban Renewal Plan was established in 1971 via Ordinance 71-1071 and last amended 18-196. Any changes to the URP must be approved by the Mayor and City Council.

Bill 22-0282 proposes to amend the current URP to:

- delete certain properties from the Plan;
- allow the Plan to remain in full force and effect through and including December 31, 2026; and
- provide for a special effective date.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: Not Available

Information Source(s): Reporting Agencies, Bill 22-0282

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