

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 14-0343

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AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Bond Issue - Community and Economic Development Loan - \$47,000,000

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3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to Resolution
4 III of 2014 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing
5 Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness as
6 evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding \$47,000,000 from the sale of such certificates
7 of indebtedness to be used for the cost of issuance, including the expense of engraving,
8 printing, advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected therewith,
9 and the remainder of such proceeds to be used for or in connection with planning,
10 developing, executing, and making operative the community, commercial and industrial
11 economic development programs of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, including, but
12 not limited to, the acquisition, by purchase, lease, condemnation or any other legal means, of
13 land or property, or any right, interest, franchise, easement or privilege therein, in the City of
14 Baltimore; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with or
15 incidental to the acquisition and management of said land or property, including any and all
16 rights or interests therein hereinbefore mentioned; the payment of any and all costs and
17 expenses incurred for or in connection with relocating and moving persons or other legal
18 entities displaced by the acquisition of said land or property, or any of the rights or interests
19 therein hereinbefore mentioned; the development, or redevelopment, including, but not
20 limited to, the comprehensive renovation or rehabilitation of any land or property, or any
21 rights or interests therein hereinbefore mentioned, in the City of Baltimore, and the
22 disposition of land and property for such purposes; the elimination of unhealthful, unsanitary,
23 or unsafe conditions, lessening density, eliminating obsolete or other uses detrimental to the
24 public welfare or otherwise removing or preventing the spread of blight or deterioration in
25 the City of Baltimore and the creation of healthy, sanitary, and safe, and green conditions in
26 the City of Baltimore; the demolition, removal, relocation, renovation or alteration of land,
27 buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or
28 improvements, and for the construction and reconstruction, installation, relocation or repair
29 of buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or
30 improvements; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection
31 with doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including, but not limited to, the costs
 and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning,

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[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by
amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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1 designing, architectural, surveying, and other professional services; the lending or granting of
2 funds to any person or other legal entity to be used for or in connection with the
3 rehabilitation, renovation, redevelopment, improvement or construction of buildings and
4 structures located within the boundaries of Baltimore City, which buildings or structures are
5 to be used or occupied for residential or commercial purposes; making loans and grants to
6 various projects and programs related to improving the cultural life and promotion of tourism
7 in Baltimore City, including but not limited to the Bromo Arts Tower Facade Restoration, the
8 Shot Tower, Carroll Mansion, Peale Museum, Lyric Foundation, Inc., The Maryland Zoo in
9 Baltimore, Center Stage Associates, Inc., Chesapeake Shakespeare Company, Baltimore
10 Heritage Area, Maryland Science Center, American Visionary Arts Museum, Creative
11 Alliance and B&O Railroad Museum; and doing any and all things necessary, proper or
12 expedient in connection with or pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore
13 mentioned; all such land or property shall be acquired, developed, redeveloped, renovated,
14 rehabilitated, altered, improved, held or disposed of, as provided by law; authorizing the
15 issuance of refunding bonds; conferring and imposing upon the Board of Finance of
16 Baltimore City certain powers and duties; authorizing the submission of this Ordinance to the
17 legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the General
18 Election to be held in Baltimore City, on Tuesday, the 4th day of November, 2014; and
19 providing for the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of said certificates of indebtedness in
20 accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,
21 and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor
22 and City Council of Baltimore.

23 **WHEREAS**, By Resolution III of 2014, approved by the members of the Maryland General
24 Assembly representing Baltimore City, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore is authorized to
25 create a debt and to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness (hereinafter called "bonds") as
26 evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding \$47,000,000 from the sale of such bonds to be used
27 in connection with the community development program of the Mayor and City Council of
28 Baltimore as authorized by said Resolution; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Funds are now needed for said purposes; now, therefore,

30 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
31 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, acting by and through the Board of Finance of said
32 municipality, be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to create a debt and to issue and sell
33 bonds of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore from time to time, as may be needed or
34 required for the purposes hereinafter named and said bonds shall be sold by the Board of Finance
35 from time to time and at such times as shall be requisite, and proceeds not exceeding
36 \$47,000,000 from the sale of such bonds shall be used for the purposes hereinafter named,
37 provided that this Ordinance shall not become effective unless it shall be approved by a majority
38 of the votes of the legal voters of Baltimore City cast at the time and place hereinafter designated
39 by this Ordinance.

40 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That:

41 (a) The denomination or denominations of the bonds to be issued at any particular time
42 and the place or places for the payment of principal and interest thereof are to be determined by
43 the Board of Finance.

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1 (b) The bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this Ordinance
2 may be issued to mature on such dates and in such amounts as the Board of Finance may
3 determine; provided that the entire principal amount represented thereby shall be discharged not
4 more than 40 years from the date of issuance of the bonds.

5 (c) The bonds, when issued, shall bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined
6 by the Board of Finance, which rate or rates may be fixed or variable or as determined by a
7 method approved by the Board of Finance, and such interest shall be payable at such time or
8 times as may be determined by the Board of Finance.

9 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That a majority of the Board of Finance of the
10 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore be, and they are hereby, authorized to pass a resolution or
11 resolutions, from time to time, to determine and set forth any or all of the following:

12 (a) The amount of debt to be incurred by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore at any
13 particular time, and from time to time, under and pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance;
14 the date or dates when any bonds representing said debt, or any part thereof, are to mature, and
15 the amount or amounts of said debt, or any part thereof, which shall mature upon the aforesaid
16 date or dates; and the date or dates in each year, during the entire period of time when any of said
17 bonds are outstanding, when interest on any of said bonds shall be payable;

18 (b) The form or forms of the bonds representing the debt, or any part thereof, authorized
19 to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance at any particular time; and

20 (c) If the bonds are to be sold at public sale, the time, place, manner and medium of
21 advertisement of the readiness of the Board of Finance, acting for and on behalf of the Mayor and
22 City Council of Baltimore, to receive bids for the purchase of the bonds authorized to be issued
23 hereunder or any part thereof; the form, terms and conditions of such bids; the time, place and
24 manner of awarding bonds so bid for, including the right whenever any of the bonds authorized
25 by this Ordinance are offered for sale and sold at the same time as other bonds of the City, to
26 establish the conditions for bids and awards and to award all of the bonds on an all or none basis,
27 and the time, place, terms and manner of settlement for the bonds so bid for; provided, however,
28 that notwithstanding anything in this section, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or the
29 Board of Finance, as the case may be, shall have the right to reject any or all bids therefor for any
30 reason.

31 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That:

32 (a) All premiums resulting from the sale of any of the bonds issued and sold pursuant to
33 the provisions of this Ordinance shall be applied as directed by the Board of Finance.

34 (b) The debt authorized by the provisions of this Ordinance, and the bonds issued and
35 sold pursuant thereto and their transfer, and the principal and interest payable thereon (including
36 any profit made in the sale thereof), shall be and remain exempt from any and all State, county
37 and municipal taxation in the State of Maryland.

38 (c) All bonds issued and sold pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance may be sold at
39 public sale by the solicitation of competitive bids or at private (negotiated) sale without
40 advertisement or solicitation of competitive bids, for a price or prices which may be at, above or

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1 below par value of the bonds, as determined by resolution of the Board of Finance of the Mayor
2 and City Council of Baltimore.

3 **SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That until all of the interest on and principal of
4 any bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance have been paid in full, the Mayor
5 and City Council of Baltimore shall levy and impose an annual tax on each \$100 of assessable
6 property in the City of Baltimore at a rate sufficient to produce revenue to pay all interest on and
7 principal of all bonds theretofore issued and outstanding or authorized to be issued and
8 outstanding, payable in the next succeeding year.

9 **SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance shall be submitted to the
10 legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the General Election to
11 be held in Baltimore City, on Tuesday, the 4th day of November, 2014.

12 **SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That prior to the date of the election
13 hereinbefore mentioned, notice shall be given to the public of the amount of money which the
14 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore is authorized to borrow, and the general purposes for
15 which such borrowed funds may be expended, under the terms and provisions of this Ordinance,
16 and the time when the election hereinbefore mentioned is to be held; and such public notice shall
17 be given in such manner and by such means or through such media and at such time or times as
18 may be determined, from time to time, by a majority of the Board of Finance.

19 **SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the actual cash proceeds derived from the
20 sale of the bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be used
21 exclusively for the following purposes, to wit:

22 (a) So much thereof as may be necessary for the cost of issuance, including the expense of
23 engraving, printing, advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected
24 therewith (which may include the proportion of the compensation of employees and general
25 administrative expenses of the Department of Finance reasonably allocated to the issuance of the
26 bonds); and

27 (b) The remainder of such proceeds shall be used for or in connection with planning,
28 developing, executing and making operative the community, commercial and industrial
29 economic development programs of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, including, but not
30 limited to:

31 (i) The acquisition, by purchase, lease, condemnation, or any other legal means, of
32 land or property, or any right, interest, franchise, easement or privilege therein, in the City of
33 Baltimore;

34 (ii) The payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with or
35 incidental to the acquisition and management of said land or property, including any and all
36 rights or interests therein hereinbefore mentioned;

37 (iii) The payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with
38 relocating and moving persons or other legal entities displaced by the acquisition of said land or
39 property, or any of the rights or interests therein hereinbefore mentioned;

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1 (iv) The development or redevelopment, including, but not limited to, the
2 comprehensive renovation or rehabilitation of any land or property, or any rights or interests
3 therein hereinbefore mentioned, in the City of Baltimore, and the disposition of land and property
4 for such purposes;

5 (v) The elimination of unhealthful, unsanitary, or unsafe conditions, lessening density,
6 eliminating obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare or otherwise removing or
7 preventing the spread of blight or deterioration in the City of Baltimore and the creation of
8 healthy, sanitary, and safe, and green conditions in the City of Baltimore;

9 (vi) The demolition, removal, relocation, renovation or alteration of land, buildings,
10 streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements, and for the
11 construction and reconstruction, installation, relocation or repair of buildings, streets, highways,
12 alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements;

13 (vii) The payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with
14 doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including, but not limited to, the costs and
15 expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning,
16 designing, architectural, surveying, and other professional services;

17 (viii) The lending or granting of funds to any person or other legal entity to be used
18 for or in connection with the rehabilitation, renovation, redevelopment, improvement or
19 construction of buildings and structures located within the boundaries of Baltimore City, which
20 buildings or structures are to be used or occupied for residential or commercial purposes;

21 (ix) Making loans and grants to various projects and programs related to improving
22 the cultural life and promotion of tourism in Baltimore City, including but not limited to the
23 Bromo Arts Tower Facade Restoration, the Shot Tower, Carroll Mansion, Peale Museum, Lyric
24 Foundation, Inc., The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore, Center Stage Associates, Inc., Chesapeake
25 Shakespeare Company, Baltimore Heritage Area, Maryland Science Center, American Visionary
26 Arts Museum, Creative Alliance and B&O Railroad Museum; and

27 (x) Doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or
28 pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned.

29 All such land or property shall be acquired, developed, redeveloped, renovated,
30 rehabilitated, altered, improved, held or disposed of, as provided by law.

31 SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:

32 (a) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, acting by and through the Board of Finance
33 thereof, is hereby authorized and empowered to issue its bonds for the purpose of refunding any
34 bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance by payment at maturity or
35 the purchase or redemption of bonds in advance of maturity. The validity of any refunding bonds
36 shall in no way be dependent upon or related to the validity or invalidity of the bonds being
37 refunded. Such refunding bonds may be issued by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,
38 acting by and through the Board of Finance thereof, for the purpose of providing it with funds to
39 pay any of its outstanding bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance at
40 maturity, to purchase in the open market any of its outstanding bonds authorized to be issued
41 under the provisions of this Ordinance prior to their maturity, to redeem prior to their maturity

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1 any outstanding bonds which are, by their terms, redeemable, to pay interest on any outstanding
2 bonds prior to their payment at maturity or purchase or redemption in advance of maturity, or to
3 pay any redemption or purchase premium in connection with the refunding of any of its
4 outstanding bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance.

5 (b) Any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this
6 Ordinance may be issued for the public purpose of:

7 (1) Realizing savings to Baltimore City in the aggregate cost of debt service on either
8 a direct comparison or present value basis; or

9 (2) Debt restructuring that:

10 (i) In the aggregate effects such a reduction in the cost of debt service; or

11 (ii) Is determined by the Board of Finance of the Mayor and City Council of
12 Baltimore to be in the best interests of Baltimore City, to be consistent with Baltimore City's
13 long-term financial plan, and to realize a financial objective of Baltimore City including,
14 improving the relationship of debt service to a source of payment such as taxes, assessments, or
15 other charges.

16 (c) Any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this
17 Ordinance may be issued in whatever principal amount shall be required to achieve the purpose
18 for the issuance of the refunding bonds, which amount may be in excess of the principal amount
19 of the bonds refunded or the maximum principal amount of bonds authorized to be issued under
20 Section 1 of this Ordinance.

21 (d) Any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this
22 Ordinance may be issued to mature on such dates and in such amounts as the Board of Finance
23 may determine; provided that the entire principal amount represented by the refunding bonds
24 shall be discharged not more than 40 years from the date of issuance of the bonds being refunded.

25 (e) Any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this
26 Ordinance may be sold at public sale by the solicitation of competitive bids or at private
27 (negotiated) sale without advertisement or solicitation of competitive bids, for a price or prices
28 which may be at, above or below the par value of the refunding bonds, as determined by
29 resolution of the Board of Finance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

30 (f) Any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this
31 Ordinance shall bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined by the Board of Finance
32 of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, which rate or rates may be fixed or variable or as
33 determined by a method approved by the Board of Finance, and such interest shall be payable at
34 such time or times as may be determined by the Board of Finance.

35 (g) The proceeds of the sale of any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold
36 under the provisions of this Ordinance, after the payment of issuance costs relating thereto, shall
37 be set aside by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore as a separate trust fund to be used solely
38 for the purposes stated in this Section 9.

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1 (h) Except as otherwise provided in this Section 9, the powers granted in, the limitations
2 and obligations imposed by, and the procedures specified in this Ordinance with respect to the
3 issuance of bonds shall be applicable to the issuance of refunding bonds.

4 (i) Any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this
5 Ordinance shall not be subject to any debt policy limitation that may from time to time be
6 established by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

7 **SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the expenditure of the proceeds derived
8 from the sale of the bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be
9 in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and
10 by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City
11 Council of Baltimore.

Certified as duly passed this _____ day of _____, 20__

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,
this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City