

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 24-0474

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Real Estate)
Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2024
Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee
Committee Report: Favorable
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: February 26, 2024

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

1 **Acquisition of Property – Block 6990, Lots 1 – 7, and Block 6991, Lots 1 – 26,**
2 **and the Bed of Woodhouse Avenue**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire, by purchase
4 or condemnation, the fee simple or other interests in certain property known as Block 6990,
5 Lots 1 through 7, and Block 6991, Lots 1 through 26, and the bed of Woodhouse Avenue
6 needed for the purpose of laying out or extending a public road and the widening of Ralls
7 Avenue as shown on Plat 240-A-56-A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and
8 providing for a special effective date.

9 BY authority of
10 Article I - General Provisions
11 Section 4
12 and
13 Article II - General Powers
14 Sections 2, 34, and 35
15 Baltimore City Charter
16 (1996 Edition)

17 **Recitals**

18 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and Baltimore County are working
19 together on a project, known as the Center Place Roadway Extension Project; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Center Place Roadway Extension Project will provide a new transportation
21 connection from Baltimore City to Historic Dundalk in Baltimore County; and

22 **WHEREAS**, certain parcels needed for the Center Place Roadway Extension Project are on
23 private properties located in Baltimore City; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[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.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and Baltimore County entered into a
2 Memorandum of Understanding approved by the Board of Estimates on April 5, 2023, providing
3 for the acquisition of the private properties and the bed of Woodhouse Avenue located in
4 Baltimore City.

5 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That it is
6 necessary to acquire, for the purpose of laying out or extending a public road and the widening of
7 Ralls Avenue, the fee simple or other interests that the Director of Transportation considers
8 needed or sufficient in the land and improvements known as Block 6990, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and
9 7, and Block 6991, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22,
10 23, 24, 25, and 26, together with all right, title, and interest in the bed of Woodhouse Avenue
11 from the Baltimore City Boundary Line to Ralls Avenue.

12 Together with all right, title, interest and estate that the owner of the property has in all
13 streets, alleys, ways, or lanes, public or private, contained within or abutting the property.

14 As delineated on Plat No. 240-A-56-A, prepared by the Survey Section, and filed on
15 December 7, 2023 in the Office of the Department of Transportation.

16 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That the Department of Real Estate, or any
17 other person or agency that the Board of Estimates designates, may negotiate and acquire on
18 behalf of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore the fee simple or other interests in the land
19 and improvements described in this Ordinance as needed or sufficient for the purposes described
20 in this Ordinance. If the Department of Real Estate, or the person or agency otherwise
21 designated by the Board of Estimates, is unable to agree with the owner on the purchase price for
22 the property, it shall promptly notify the City Solicitor, who shall institute the necessary legal
23 proceedings to acquire by condemnation the fee simple or other interests needed or sufficient for
24 the purposes described in this Ordinance.

25 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That proceedings for the acquisition by
26 condemnation of the property described in this Ordinance and all rights of all parties interested or
27 affected shall be in accordance with Title 12 of the Real Property Article of the Maryland Code.

28 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
29 enacted.

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Certified as duly passed this 04 day of March, 2024



President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 04 day of March, 2024



Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20____

Mayor, Baltimore City