

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 14-0396
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Henry, Scott, Holton, Kraft, Branch, Stokes, Clarke, Spector,
President Young, Councilmembers Middleton, Reisinger, Curran, Cole, Mosby, Welch
Introduced and read first time: June 2, 2014

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of
Real Estate, Department of Recreation and Parks

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Property – Renaming Leith Walk Recreation Center to**
3 **the Kenneth N. Harris Sr. Community Center**

4 FOR the purpose of changing the name of Leith Walk Recreation Center, located at 1235
5 Sherwood Avenue, to the Kenneth N. Harris Sr. Community Center.

6 BY authority of

7 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement
8 Section 20-2
9 Baltimore City Code
10 (Edition 2000)

11 **Recitals**

12 Ken Harris, throughout his life, worked hard to uplift and improve his community
13 in North and Northeast Baltimore. One particular focus of his efforts was his
14 struggle to guide children onto and along the right paths of life, particularly those
15 children in the Ramblewood Community.

16 As a Baltimore City Councilman, he looked out for all of our City’s children. He
17 sought to keep students on the right course by championing the Baltimore Truancy
18 Assessment Centers to counsel and provide needed social services to kids who
19 “skip” class. He worked to change eviction procedures to keep families and
20 children from being thrown out onto the street with their belongings. And he
21 consistently challenged the Police Department to be prudent in charging youths
22 with minor offenses that could jeopardize their future jobs and education. Perhaps
23 most importantly, he made ending the cycle of violence on our City’s streets that
24 mars the lives of so many of our young people his signature priority.

25 Before Ken Harris began fighting for all of Baltimore’s youth as a Councilman, he
26 worked tirelessly to support the children of his neighborhood through his service
27 as first a member, and later president, of the Leith Walk Parent Teacher
28 Association. He cared deeply about the well being of children in the Ramblewood

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 Community, and it would be fitting to honor him by renaming the Leith Walk
2 Recreation Center, which is located in that community.

3 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
4 name of Leith Walk Recreation Center, located at 1235 Sherwood Avenue, is changed to the
5 Kenneth N. Harris Sr. Community Center.

6 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
7 after the date it is enacted.