

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 14-0330  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of General Services)  
Introduced and read first time: March 10, 2014  
Assigned to: Housing and Community Development Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of General Services, Department of Transportation, Baltimore Development Corporation

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Streets – Closing –**  
3 **Certain Streets and Alleys Bounded by**  
4 **East 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Greenmount Avenue, East 20<sup>th</sup> Street, and Barclay Street**

5 FOR the purpose of condemning and closing certain streets and alleys bounded by East 21<sup>st</sup> Street,  
6 Greenmount Avenue, East 20<sup>th</sup> Street, and Barclay Street (Ward 12, Section 12, Block 3805),  
7 as shown on Plat 91-A-52A in the Office of the Department of General Services; 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, 35  
15 Baltimore City Charter  
16 (1996 Edition)

17 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
18 Department of General Services shall proceed to condemn and close certain streets and alleys  
19 bounded by East 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Greenmount Avenue, East 20<sup>th</sup> Street, and Barclay Street (Ward 12,  
20 Section 12, Block 3805), and more particularly described as follows:

21 Beginning for Parcel No. 1 at a point on the west side of a 10-foot alley, said point  
22 of beginning being distant Northerly 16.0 feet more or less, measured along the  
23 west side of said alley, from the north side of Worsley Street 23 feet wide, said  
24 alley being 290.5 feet more or less, east of Barclay Street 66 feet wide, thence  
25 binding on the west side of said alley, Northerly 81.9 feet more or less, to intersect  
26 the north side of another 10-foot alley, laid out in the rear of the properties  
27 formerly known as Nos. 414 through 434 Worsley Street, thence binding on the  
28 north side of said alley, Easterly 10 feet, to intersect the east side of said alley,  
29 firstly mentioned herein, thence binding on the east side of said alley, Southerly

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

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1 81.9 feet more or less, to a point on the east side of said 10-foot alley, said point  
2 being at the line of division between the properties known as Nos. 2002 and 2004  
3 Greenmount Avenue, and thence crossing said alley, Westerly 10 feet to the point  
4 of beginning.

5 Beginning for Parcel No. 2 at the point formed by the intersection of the south  
6 side of a 10-foot alley and the west side of another 10-foot alley, said point of  
7 beginning being distant 87.9 feet more or less, measured along the west side of  
8 said alley secondly mentioned from the north side of Worsley Street 23 feet wide,  
9 said alley being 290.5 feet, more or less, east of said Barclay Street and running  
10 thence binding on the west side of said alley, Westerly 135.6 feet more or less, to  
11 intersect the west side of a 3-foot alley, thence binding on the west side of said  
12 alley, Northerly 10 feet to the north side of said 10-foot alley firstly mentioned  
13 herein, and laid out in the rear of the properties formerly known as Nos. 412  
14 through 434 Worsley Street, thence binding on the north side of said alley firstly  
15 mentioned, Easterly 135.7 feet more or less, to intersect the west side of the 10-  
16 foot alley secondly mentioned herein, laid out in the rear of the properties known  
17 as Nos. 2002 through 2016 Greenmount Avenue; and thence binding on the west  
18 side of said alley, Southerly 10 feet to the point of beginning.

19 Beginning for Parcel No. 3 at the point formed by the intersection of the south  
20 side of a 4-foot alley and the east side of a 3-foot alley, said point of beginning  
21 being distant 51 feet more or less, measured along the east division line of the  
22 property formerly known as No. 412 Worsley Street, from the north side of said  
23 Worsley Street and running thence binding on the east side of said alley, Westerly  
24 3 feet to the point formed by the intersection of the south side of said 4-foot alley  
25 and the west side of said 3-foot alley so projected; thence binding on the west side  
26 of said alley, Northerly 36.9 feet more or less, to the south side of a 10-foot alley,  
27 and thence binding on the south side of said 10-foot alley, to the point formed by  
28 the intersection of the south side of said 10-foot alley and the east side of said 3-  
29 foot alley, Southerly 36.9 feet more or less, to the point of beginning.

30 Beginning for Parcel No. 4 at a point on the east side of a 5-foot alley said point of  
31 beginning being distant, Northerly 51 feet more or less, measured along the east  
32 side of said alley, from the north side of Worsley Street 23 feet wide, and running  
33 thence binding Northerly 4 feet to the northwest corner of a 4-foot alley, laid out  
34 in the rear of the properties formerly known as numbers 400 through 412 Worsley  
35 Street, thence binding on the northwest corner of said alley, Easterly 81.0 feet  
36 more or less, to intersect the west side of a 3-foot alley, thence binding on the  
37 west side of said alley, Southerly 4 feet to intersect the south side of said 4-foot  
38 alley, and thence binding on the south side of said 4-foot alley, Westerly 81.0 feet  
39 more or less, to the point of beginning.

40 As delineated on Plat 91-A-52A, prepared by the Survey Control Section and filed on December  
41 26, 2013, in the Office of the Department of General Services.

42 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the proceedings for the condemnation and  
43 closing of certain streets and alleys bounded by East 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Greenmount Avenue, East 20<sup>th</sup>  
44 Street, and Barclay Street and the rights of all interested parties shall be regulated by and in  
45 accordance with all applicable provisions of state and local law and with all applicable rules and

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1 regulations adopted by the Director of General Services and filed with the Department of  
2 Legislative Reference.

3 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That after the closing under this Ordinance, all  
4 subsurface structures and appurtenances now owned by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore  
5 continue to be the property of the Mayor and City Council, in fee simple, until their use has been  
6 abandoned by the Mayor and City Council. If any person wants to remove, alter, or interfere with  
7 them, that person must first obtain permission from the Mayor and City Council and, in the  
8 application for this permission, must agree to pay all costs and expenses, of every kind, arising  
9 out of the removal, alteration, or interference.

10 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That no building or structure of any kind  
11 (including but not limited to railroad tracks) may be constructed or erected in or on any part of  
12 the street closed under this Ordinance until all subsurface structures and appurtenances owned by  
13 the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore have been abandoned by the Mayor and City Council  
14 or, at the expense of the person seeking to erect the building or structure, have been removed and  
15 relaid in accordance with the specifications and under the direction of the Director of General  
16 Services of Baltimore City.

17 **SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That after the closing under this Ordinance, all  
18 subsurface structures and appurtenances owned by any person other than the Mayor and City  
19 Council of Baltimore shall be removed by and at the expense of their owners, promptly upon  
20 notice to do so from the Director of Public Works.

21 **SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That at all times after the closing under this  
22 Ordinance, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, acting by or through its authorized  
23 representatives, shall have access to the subject property and to all subsurface structures and  
24 appurtenances used by the Mayor and City Council, for the purpose of inspecting, maintaining,  
25 repairing, altering, relocating, or replacing any of them, without need to obtain permission from  
26 or pay compensation to the owner of the property.

27 **SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is  
28 enacted.