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### **BILL SYNOPSIS**

**Committee:** Judiciary

Bill 20-0540

# Corrective - City Streets - Renaming Violet Hill White Way to Violet Hill Whyte Way

**Sponsor:** Councilmember Costello

Introduced: June 15, 2020

# **Purpose:**

For the purpose of changing the name of Violet Hill White Way, which is located between the 700 blocks of West Lexington Street and West Fayette Street and before Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, to Violet Hill Whyte Way.

**Effective:** The 30th day after the date it is enacted

# AGENCY REPORTS Planning Commission Favorable City Solicitor Department of Transportation Department of Real Estate Favorable

# **ANALYSIS**

### **Current Law**

Baltimore City Code Article 5, § 20-2(a) authorizes the naming and renaming of city-owned property by ordinance of the Mayor and City Council.

# **Bill Summary**

The bill would rename Violet Hill White Way, which is located between the 700 blocks of West Lexington Street and West Fayette Street and before Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, to Violet Hill Whyte Way to correct a misspelling. The street was first named in honor of Violet Hill Whyte as part of a subdivision in 1998.

Violet Hill Whyte was the first African-American woman appointed to the Baltimore City police force. She was first appointed in 1937, was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1955, and was promoted again to the rank of lieutenant in 1967, two months before her retirement.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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Fiscal Note: None

**Information Source(s):** Reporting Agencies, Bill 20-0540.

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