

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 08-0169  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Public Works)  
Introduced and read first time: August 11, 2008  
Assigned to: Highways and Franchises Subcommittee

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

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Streets – Closing – Certain Streets or Portions of them**  
3 **Lying Within the Middle East Urban Renewal Project**

4 FOR the purpose of condemning and closing certain streets or portions of them lying within the  
5 Middle East Urban Renewal Project, bounded by Ashland Avenue, McDonogh Street, Chase  
6 Street, and Washington Street, as shown on Plat 348-A-80E in the Office of the Department  
7 of Public Works; and providing for a special effective date.

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

16 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
17 Department of Public Works shall proceed to condemn and close certain streets or portions of  
18 them lying within the Middle East Urban Renewal Project, bounded by Ashland Avenue,  
19 McDonogh Street, Chase Street, and Washington Street, and more particularly described as  
20 follows:

21 Beginning for Parcel No. 1 at the point formed by the intersection of the north  
22 side of Eager Street, 66 feet wide, and the west side of Chapel Street, 30 feet  
23 wide, and running thence binding on the west side of said Chapel Street,  
24 Northerly 432.5 feet, more or less, to intersect the south side of Chase Street, 66  
25 feet wide; thence binding on the south side of said Chase Street, Easterly 30.0 feet  
26 to intersect the east side of said Chapel Street; thence binding on the east side of  
27 said Chapel Street, Southerly 432.5 feet, more or less, to intersect the north side  
28 of said Eager Street, and thence binding on the north side of said Eager Street,  
29 Westerly 30.0 feet to the place of beginning.

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

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1 Beginning for Parcel No. 2 at the point formed by the east side of Wolfe Street,  
2 60 feet wide, and the north side of Eager Street, 66 feet wide, and running thence  
3 binding on the north side of said Eager Street, Westerly 5.0 feet to intersect a line  
4 drawn parallel with and distant 5.00 feet measured at a right angle to the east side  
5 of said Wolfe Street; thence binding on said line, so drawn, Northerly 432.5 feet,  
6 more or less, to intersect the south side of Chase Street, 66 feet wide; thence  
7 binding on the south side of said Chase Street, Easterly 5.0 feet to intersect the  
8 east side of said Wolfe Street, and thence binding on the east side of said Wolfe  
9 Street, Southerly 432.5 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

10 Beginning for Parcel No. 3 at the point formed by the intersection of the north  
11 side of Eager Street, 66 feet wide, and the west side of Wolfe Street, 60 feet wide,  
12 and running thence binding on the west side of said Wolfe Street, Northerly 432.5  
13 feet, more or less, to intersect the south side of Chase Street, 66 feet wide; thence  
14 binding on the south side of said Chase Street, Easterly 5.0 feet to intersect a line  
15 drawn parallel with and distant 5.00 feet measured at a right angle to the west side  
16 of said Wolfe Street; thence binding on said line, so drawn, Southerly 432.5 feet,  
17 more or less, to intersect the north side of said Eager Street, and thence binding  
18 on the north side of said Eager Street, Westerly 5.0 feet to the place of beginning.

19 Beginning for Parcel No. 4 at the point formed by the intersection of the east side  
20 of Rutland Avenue, 70 feet wide, and the north side of Eager Street, 66 feet wide,  
21 and running thence binding on the north side of said Eager Street, Westerly 6.0  
22 feet to intersect a line drawn parallel with and distant 6.00 feet measured at a right  
23 angle to the east side of said Rutland Avenue; thence binding on said line so  
24 drawn, Northerly 432.5 feet, more or less, to intersect the south side of Chase  
25 Street, 66 feet wide; thence binding on the south side of said Chase Street,  
26 Easterly 6.0 feet to intersect the east side of said Rutland Avenue, and thence  
27 binding on the east side of said Rutland Avenue, Southerly 432.5 feet, more or  
28 less, to the place of beginning.

29 Beginning for Parcel No. 5 at the point formed by the intersection of the north  
30 side of Eager Street, 66 feet wide, and the west side of Rutland Avenue, 70 feet  
31 wide, and running thence binding on the west side of said Rutland Avenue,  
32 Northerly 432.5 feet, more or less, to intersect the south side of Chase Street, 66  
33 feet wide; thence binding on the south side of said Chase Street, Easterly 6.0 feet  
34 to intersect a line drawn parallel with and distant 6.00 feet measured at a right  
35 angle to the west side of said Rutland Avenue; thence binding on said line so  
36 drawn, Southerly 432.5 feet, more or less, to intersect the north side of said Eager  
37 Street, and thence binding on the north side of said Eager Street, Westerly 6.0 feet  
38 to the place of beginning.

39 Beginning for Parcel No. 6 at the point formed by the intersection of the west side  
40 of Rutland Avenue, 70 feet wide, and the north side of Ashland Avenue, 66 feet  
41 wide, and running thence binding on the west side of said Rutland Avenue,  
42 Northerly 432.5 feet, more or less, to intersect the south side of Eager Street, 66  
43 feet wide; thence binding on the south side of said Eager Street, Easterly 1.5 feet  
44 to intersect a line drawn parallel with and distant 1.5 feet measured at a right  
45 angle to the west side of said Rutland Avenue; thence binding on said line, so  
46 drawn, Southerly 432.5 feet, more or less, to intersect the north side of said

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1 Ashland Avenue, and thence binding on the north side of said Ashland Avenue,  
2 Westerly 1.5 feet to the place of beginning.

3 As delineated on Plat 348-A-80E, prepared by the Survey Control Section and filed on May 12,  
4 2008, in the Office of the Department of Public Works.

5 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the proceedings for the condemnation and  
6 closing of the streets or portions of them and the rights of all interested parties shall be regulated  
7 by and in accordance with all applicable provisions of state and local law and with all applicable  
8 rules and regulations adopted by the Director of Public Works and filed with the Department of  
9 Legislative Reference.

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

17 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That no building or structure of any kind  
18 (including but not limited to railroad tracks) may be constructed or erected in or on any part of  
19 the street closed under this Ordinance until all subsurface structures and appurtenances owned by  
20 the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore have been abandoned by the Mayor and City Council  
21 or, at the expense of the person seeking to erect the building or structure, have been removed and  
22 relaid in accordance with the specifications and under the direction of the Director of Public  
23 Works of Baltimore City.

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

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

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