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**The Honorable Eric T. Costello
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PUBLIC HEARING

**Tuesday, October 8, 2024
10:00 AM**

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council Bill #24-0575

**City Streets - Closing - Certain Streets and Alleys in the Poppleton Urban
Renewal Area**

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Ways and Means

Bill 24-0575

City Streets - Closing - Certain Streets and Alleys in the Poppleton Urban Renewal Area

Sponsor: Councilmember Bullock

Introduced: August 26, 2024

Purpose: For the purpose of condemning and closing certain streets and alleys, bounded by West Mulberry Street, North Schroeder Street, West Fairmount Avenue and North Stockton Street, lying within the Poppleton Urban Renewal Area, as shown on a plat numbered 343-A-27A, Sheets 1 through 6, dated January 16, 2024, prepared by the Survey Section and filed in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

Effective: On the date it is enacted.

Agency Reports

Law Department	Favorable with comments
Department of Housing & Community Development	Favorable w/ Amendments
Department of Planning	None as of this writing
Baltimore Development Corporation	None as of this writing
Department of Transportation	No Objection

Analysis

Current Law

Baltimore City Charter
Article I – General Provisions
Section 4

Background

This bill would condemn and close certain streets and alleys, bounded by West Mulberry Street, North Schroeder Street, West Fairmount Avenue, and North Stockton Street, lying within the Popple Urban Renewal Area. The Poppleton Urban Renewal Area was established in 1975 and became a redevelopment plan in 2004 after the City approved an amendment to redevelop 526 properties in the neighborhood. The closing of these six sets of streets and alleys is needed to advance certain development goals within the area.

The Department of Housing and Community Development in its report is asking for several closures to be removed including:

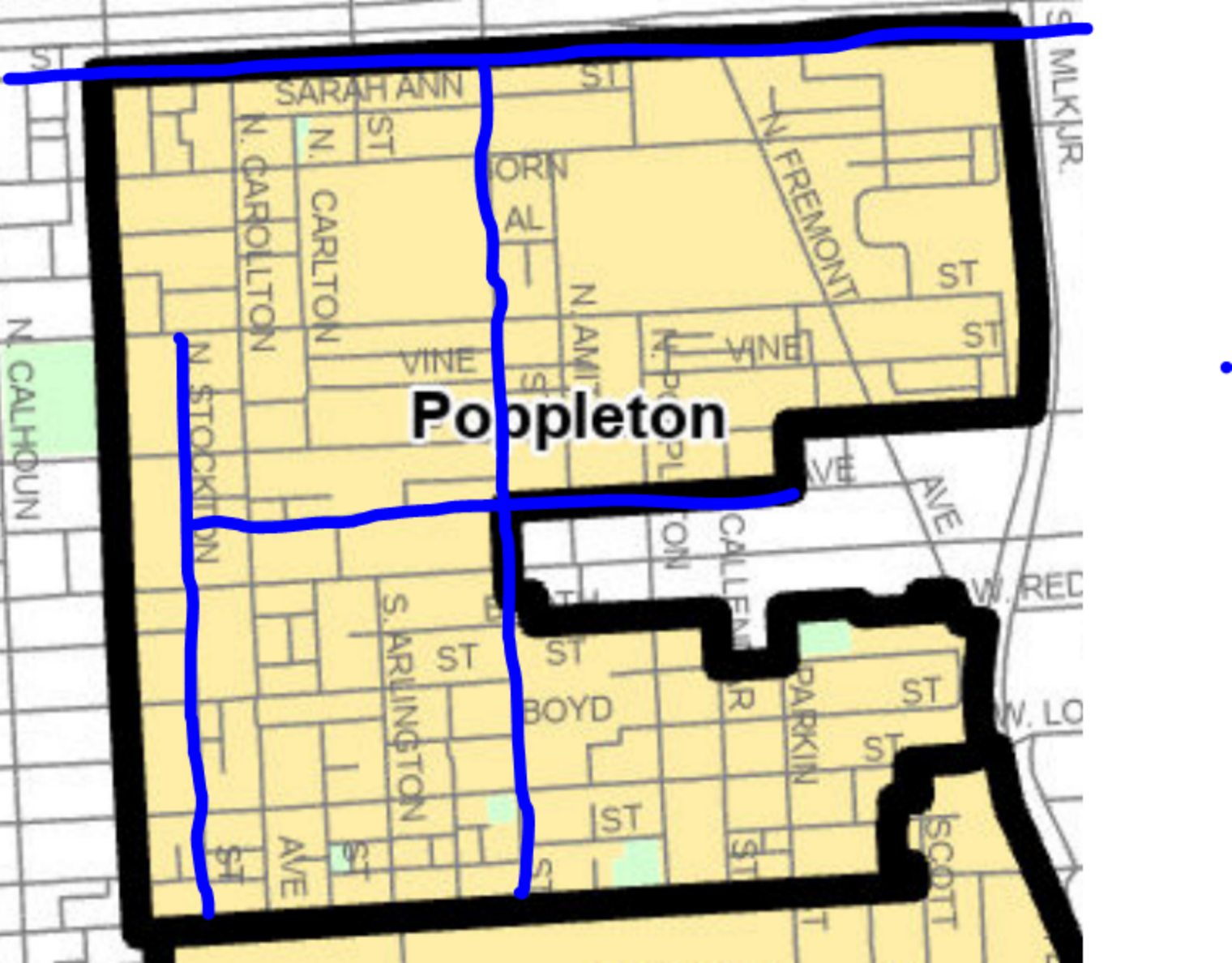
- Block 155 Sarah Ann Street between N. Carrollton Avenue and N. Arlington Avenue
- Block 155 N. Carlton Street between W. Saratoga Street and Sarah Ann Street
- Block 156 Sarah Ann Street between N. Arlington Avenue and N. Schroeder Street
- Between Block 155 & 156, N. Arlington Avenue between W. Saratoga Street and W. Mulberry Street

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: None

Information Source(s): City Code, Baltimore Sun, University of Maryland- Baltimore County, 24-0575, and all agency reports and correspondence received as of this writing.

Analysis by: Niya N. Garrett Direct Inquiries to: (410) 396-1268
Analysis Date: October 3, 2024



Poppleton

SARAH ANN ST

N. CARLTON ST

N. CARLTON ST

CORNAL ST

N. FREMONT ST

VINE ST

N. AMITT ST

VINE ST

N. STOCKTON ST

N. CALHOUN ST

S. ARLINGTON ST

BOYD ST

CALLENDER ST

PARKIN ST

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SCOTT ST

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Agency Reports

SEE ATTACHED

**CITY OF
BALTIMORE**

**BRANDON M.
SCOTT,**
Mayor



**DEPARTMENT OF LAW
EBONY M. THOMPSON,
CITY SOLICITOR
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET
SUITE 101, CITY HALL
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

September 24, 2024

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 24-0575- City Streets—Closing –
Certain Streets and alleys in the Poppleton Urban Renewal
Area

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department reviewed City Council Bill 24-0575 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill is for the purpose of condemning and closing certain streets and alleys bounded by W. Mulberry Street, N. Schroeder St., W. Fairmount Ave. and N. Stockton Street as shown on plat number 343 -A- 27A, Sheets 1 through 6 and dated January 16, 2024. The Ordinance would take effect on the date of enactment.

Section (34)(a) of Article II of the City Charter grants the Mayor and City Council the power to “construct, open, extend, widen, straighten or

close streets, bridges, tunnels or approaches to them and other public ways of every kind within the bounds of the City.” Section 116(b) of Article VII of the City Charter requires the Department of Transportation to: (i) prepare the plans and perform the work required by Ordinances for opening, extending, widening, straightening, grading, and closing any street in the City; and (ii) prepare all Ordinances for the opening and closing of streets, attend the hearings on those Ordinances, and perform all administrative functions related to those Ordinances.

Moreover, Article 26, Subtitle 3 specifies the procedures to be followed for the opening and closing of streets and alleys in the City. Specifically, Art. 26, § 3-2(a) requires that before an ordinance is introduced in the City Council for opening or closing a street or alley notice shall be published twice a week for 2 consecutive weeks, in two daily newspapers that application shall be made for passage of the ordinance. Under § 3-3, DOT is also required to publish notice at least 10 days before the first meeting on the ordinance before it “may proceed under these sections to perform its duty.”

Assuming the required process is followed, the Law Department can approve the bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,



Elena R. DiPietro

cc: Ebony Thompson, City Solicitor
Nina Themelis, Mayor’s Office of Government Relations
Hilary Ruley, Chief Solicitor

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CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner 
DATE	October 8, 2024
SUBJECT	24-0575 City Streets - Closing - Certain Streets and Alleys in the Poppleton Urban Renewal Area

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

10/8/24

Position: Favorable with amendments

Introduction

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 24-0575 City Streets - Closing - Certain Streets and Alleys in the Poppleton Urban Renewal Area for the purpose of condemning and closing certain streets and alleys, bounded by West Mulberry Street, North Schroeder Street, West Fairmount Avenue and North Stockton Street, lying within the Poppleton Urban Renewal Area, as shown on a plat numbered 343-A-27A, Sheets 1 through 6, dated January 16, 2024, prepared by the Survey Section and filed in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

If enacted, City Council Bill 24-0575 would instruct the Department of Transportation to condemn and close six sets of streets and alleys within the area bounded by West Mulberry Street, North Schroeder Street, West Fairmount Avenue and North Stockton Street. A total of 12 parcels would be closed, all lying within the Poppleton Urban Renewal Area. If approved, this legislation will become effective upon the date of its enactment.

DHCD Analysis

The Poppleton area is a historically underserved part of the city. DHCD has been working to promote redevelopment in the area. The closing of certain streets and alleys in the area is needed to advance certain development goals. The initiative by DHCD to close the streets and alleys in question was reviewed favorably by the Planning Commission in 2020.

Suggested Amendments

DHCD requests the following closures be removed from the legislation:

- Block 155 Sarah Ann Street between N. Carrollton Avenue and N. Arlington Avenue
- Block 155 N. Carlton Street between W. Saratoga Street and Sarah Ann Street
- Block 156 Sarah Ann Street between N. Arlington Avenue and N. Schroeder Street
- Between Block 155 & 156, N. Arlington Avenue between W. Saratoga Street and W. Mulberry Street

Conclusion

DHCD respectfully requests a report that is **favorable with amendments** on City Council Bill 24-0575.



BRANDON M. SCOTT
MAYOR
*100 Holliday Street, Room 250
Baltimore, Maryland 21202*

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Corren Johnson, Director – Department of Transportation
DATE	September 23, 2024
SUBJECT	24-0575 City Streets – Closing – Certain Streets and Alleys in the Poppleton Urban Renewal Area

Position: Support

Introduction

For the purpose of condemning and closing certain streets and alleys, bounded by West Mulberry Street, North Schroeder Street, West Fairmount Avenue and North Stockton Street, lying within the Poppleton Urban Renewal Area, as shown on a plat numbered 343-A-27A, Sheets 1 through 6, dated January 16, 2024, prepared by the Survey Section and filed in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

DOT Analysis

Council Bill 24-0575 would facilitate new development by closing some streets and alleys in the Poppleton neighborhood. The Poppleton area is a historically underserved part of the City. The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has been working to promote redevelopment in the area for some time, and the closing of certain streets and alleys in the area is now needed to advance certain development goals. This initiative was reviewed favorably by the Planning Commission in 2020. Several sets of streets and alleys within the area bounded by W Mulberry St, N Schroeder St, W Fairmount Ave, and N Stockton St would be closed in accordance with the Poppleton Urban Renewal Area.

Conclusion

The Department supports efforts to better underserved neighborhoods and address vacancy issues. The Department has no objection to the advancement of Council Bill 24-0575.

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 24-0575
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Bullock
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Transportation)
Introduced and read first time: August 26, 2024
Assigned to: Ways and Means Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Planning, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 style="text-align:center">**City Streets – Closing –**
3 style="text-align:center">**Certain Streets and Alleys in the Poppleton Urban Renewal Area**

4 FOR the purpose of condemning and closing certain streets and alleys, bounded by West
5 Mulberry Street, North Schroeder Street, West Fairmount Avenue and North Stockton Street,
6 lying within the Poppleton Urban Renewal Area, as shown on a plat numbered 343-A-27A,
7 Sheets 1 through 6, dated January 16, 2024, prepared by the Survey Section and filed in the
8 Office of the Department of Transportation; and 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 Transportation shall proceed to condemn and close certain streets and alleys,
19 bounded by West Mulberry Street, North Schroeder Street, West Fairmount Avenue and North
20 Stockton Street, lying within the Poppleton Urban Renewal Area, and more particularly
21 described as follows:

22 Sheet 1 of 6 comprising of certain streets and alleys bounded by West Saratoga Street, North
23 Carlton Street, West Lexington Street and North Carey Street lying within the Poppleton
24 Urban Renewal Area and described as follows:

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

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1 Beginning for Parcel 1 at the point formed by the intersection of the east side of North
2 Carrollton Avenue, 66 feet wide, and the south side of Born Court, 20 feet wide, said point of
3 beginning being distant Northerly 95.83 feet, more or less, measured along the east side of
4 said North Carrollton Avenue from the north side of Cloney Street, 15 feet wide; thence
5 binding on the east side of said North Carrollton Avenue Northerly 20 feet, more or less, to
6 the north side of said Born Court; thence binding on the north side of said Born Court
7 Easterly 165 feet, more or less, to the west side of North Carlton Street, 25 feet wide; thence
8 binding on the west side of said North Carlton Street Southerly 20 feet, more or less, to the
9 south side of Born Court and thence binding on the south side of said Born Court Westerly
10 165 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

11 Containing 3,300 square feet or 0.076 acres more or less

12 Beginning for Parcel 2 at the point formed by the intersection of the east side of North
13 Carrollton Avenue 66 feet wide and the south side of Cloney Street, 15 feet wide, said point
14 of beginning being distant 210 feet, more or less, measured along the east side of said North
15 Carrollton Avenue from the north side of West Lexington Street, 66 feet wide; thence
16 binding on the east side of said North Carrollton Avenue Northerly 15 feet, more or less, to
17 the north side of said Cloney Street; thence binding on the north side of said Cloney Street,
18 Easterly 165 feet, more or less, to intersect the west side of North Carlton Street, 25 feet
19 wide; thence binding on the west side of said North Carlton Street Southerly 15 feet, more or
20 less, to the south side of said Cloney Street and thence binding on the south side of said
21 Cloney Street Westerly 165 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

22 Containing 2,475.00 square feet or 0.057 acres, more or less

23 Beginning for Parcel 3 at the point formed by the intersection of the west side of North
24 Carrollton Avenue, 66 feet wide, and the south side of a 10 Foot Alley, said point of
25 beginning being distant 100 feet, more or less, measured along the west side of said North
26 Carrollton Avenue from the north side of West Lexington Street, 66 feet wide; thence leaving
27 the west side of said North Carrollton Avenue Westerly 100 feet, more or less, to the west
28 side of a 3 Foot Alley so projected; thence binding on the west side of said 3 Foot Alley so
29 projected Northerly 10 feet, more or less, to intersect the north side of said 10 Foot Alley,
30 thence binding on the north side of said 10 Foot Alley Easterly 100 feet, more or less, to
31 intersect the west side of said North Carrollton Avenue and thence binding on the west side
32 of said North Carrollton Avenue Southerly 10 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

33 Containing 1,000.00 square feet or 0.023 acres, more or less

34 Sheet 2 of 6 comprising of certain streets and alleys bounded by West Mulberry Street, North
35 Schroeder Street, West Saratoga Street and North Arlington Avenue Street lying within the
36 Poppleton Urban Renewal Area and described as follows:

37 Beginning for Parcel 4 at the point formed by the intersection of the north side of a 3 foot
38 alley and the west side of a 3 foot alley said point of beginning being distant Southerly 75.0
39 feet measured along the west side of said 3 foot alley from the south side of West Mulberry
40 Street, 50 feet wide; thence binding on the west side of said 3 foot alley Southerly 3 feet,
41 more or less, to the outline of the rear of the property known as No. 1002 Sarah Ann Street;
42 thence binding on the outline of the rear of said property known as No. 1002 Sarah Ann
43 Street Westerly 11.3 feet, more or less, to the westernmost extremity thereof; thence binding

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1 on the westernmost extremity thereof Northerly 3 feet, more or less, to intersect the north side
2 of said 3 foot alley and thence binding on the north side of said 3 foot alley Easterly 11.3 feet,
3 more or less, to the place of beginning.

4 Containing 34 square feet more or less

5 Beginning for Parcel 5 at the point formed by the intersection of the west side of North
6 Schroeder Street, 66 feet wide, and the south side of Sarah Ann Street varying in width, said
7 point of beginning being distant Northerly 125 feet, measured along the west side of said
8 North Schroeder Street from the north side of West Saratoga Street, 60 feet wide; thence
9 leaving the west side of said North Schroeder Street Westerly 362.2 feet, more or less, to
10 intersect the east side of North Arlington Avenue, 66 feet wide; thence binding on the east
11 side of said North Arlington Avenue Northerly 17 feet, more or less, to the north side of said
12 Sarah Ann Street; thence binding on the north side of said Sarah Ann Street Easterly 55 feet,
13 more or less, to the west side of a 9 foot alley; thence leaving the west side of said 9 foot
14 alley Northeasterly 9 ½ feet, more or less, to the east side of side said 9 foot alley; thence
15 leaving the east side of said 9 foot alley and binding on the north side of Sarah Ann Street,
16 Easterly 298.2 feet, more or less, to intersect the west side of said North Schroeder Street and
17 thence binding on the west side of said Schroeder Street, Southerly 20.0 feet, more or less, to
18 the place of beginning.

19 Containing 7,065.7 square feet or 0.1622 acres more or less

20
21 Beginning for Parcel 6 at the point formed by the intersection of the south side of West
22 Mulberry Street 50 feet wide, and the east side of North Arlington Avenue, 66 feet wide, said
23 point of beginning being distant Westerly 358.4 feet, more or less, measured along the south
24 side of said West Mulberry Street from the west side of North Schroeder Street, 66 feet wide;
25 thence binding on the east side of said North Arlington Avenue, Southerly 270.0 feet to
26 intersect the north side of West Saratoga Street 60.0 feet wide; thence binding on the north
27 side of said West Saratoga Street Westerly 66.0 feet , to the west side of said North Arlington
28 Avenue; thence binding on the west side of said North Arlington Avenue Northerly 270.0
29 feet, to intersect the south side of said West Mulberry Street and thence binding on the south
30 side of said West Mulberry Street 66.0 feet to the place of beginning.

31 Containing 17,820 square feet or 0.4091 acres more or less

32
33 Sheet 3 of 6 comprising certain streets and alleys bounded by West Lexington Street, North
34 Carlton Street, West Fayette Street and North Stockton Street lying within the Poppleton
35 Urban Renewal Area and described as follows:

36 Beginning for Parcel 7 at the point formed by the intersection of the west side of North
37 Carrollton Avenue, 66 feet wide and the south side of Vine Street, 30 feet wide, said point of
38 beginning being distant Northerly 143 feet, more or less, measured along the west of said
39 North Carrollton Avenue from the north side of West Fayette Street, 80 feet wide; thence
40 leaving the west side of said North Carrollton Avenue and running Westerly 97 feet, more or
41 less, to the west side of a 5 Foot Alley so projected; thence crossing Vine Street Northerly 30
42 Feet, more or less, to intersect the north side of said Vine Street, thence binding on the north
43 side of said Vine Street Easterly 97 feet, more or less, to intersect the west side of said North
44 Carrollton Avenue and thence binding on the west side of said North Carrollton Avenue
45 Southerly 30 Feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

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1 Containing 2,910.0 square feet or 0.67 acres, more or less

2 Beginning for Parcel 8 at the point formed by the intersection of the east side of North
3 Carrollton Avenue, 66 feet wide and the south side of Vine Street 12 feet wide, said point of
4 beginning being distant 112.25 feet, more or less, measured along the east side of said North
5 Carrollton Avenue from the north side of West Fayette Street, 80 feet wide; thence binding
6 on the east side of said North Carrollton Avenue Northerly 12 feet, more or less, to the north
7 side of said Vine Street; thence binding on the north side of said Vine Street Easterly 161.7
8 feet, more or less, to intersect the west side of North Carlton Street variable width; thence
9 binding on the west side of said North Carlton Street Southerly 12 feet, more or less, to the
10 south side of said Vine Street and thence binding on the south side of said Vine Street
11 Westerly 161.7 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

12 Containing 1,940.4 square feet or 0.0445 acres, more or less

13 Sheet 4 of 6 comprising certain streets and alleys bounded by West Mulberry Street, North
14 Arlington Avenue, West Saratoga Street and North Carrollton Avenue lying within the
15 Poppleton Urban Renewal Area and described as follows:

16 Beginning for Parcel 9 at the point formed by the intersection of the north side of West
17 Saratoga Street, 60 feet wide, and the east side of North Carlton Street varying in width, said
18 point of beginning being distant Westerly 160.75 feet, more or less, measured along the north
19 side of said West Saratoga Street from the west side of North Arlington Avenue, 66 feet
20 wide; thence binding the north side of said West Saratoga Street Westerly 20 feet, to the west
21 side of said North Carlton Street; thence binding on the west side of said North Carlton Street
22 Northerly 49 feet, to the south side of a 4 foot alley; thence binding on the south side of said
23 4 foot alley Westerly 2.2 feet, more or less, to the west side of said North Carlton Street;
24 thence binding on the west side of said North Carlton Street Northerly 78.3 feet, more or less,
25 to intersect the south side of Sarah Ann Street, 20 feet wide; thence binding the south side of
26 said Sarah Ann Street Easterly 22.2 feet, more or less, to the east side of said North Carlton
27 Street and thence binding on the east side of said North Carlton Street Southerly 127.3 feet,
28 more or less, to the place of beginning.

29 Containing 2,718.26 square feet or 0.0624 acres more or less

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31 Sheet 5 of 6 comprising certain streets and alleys bounded by West Fayette Street, North
32 Carrollton Avenue, West Fairmount Avenue and North Stockton Street within the Poppleton
33 Urban Renewal Area and described as follows:

34 Beginning for Parcel 10 at the point formed by the intersection of the west side of North
35 Carrollton Avenue 66 feet wide, and the north side of a 10 Foot Alley, said point of
36 beginning being distant Southerly 100 feet, more or less, measured along the west side of said
37 North Carrollton Avenue from the point formed by the intersection of the west side of said
38 North Carrollton Avenue and the south side of West Fayette Street 80 feet wide; thence
39 binding on the west side of said North Carrollton Avenue Southerly 10.0 feet to the south
40 side of said 10 Foot Alley; thence binding on the south side of said 10 Foot Alley Westerly
41 157.0 feet, more or less, to intersect the east side of North Stockton Street, 20 feet wide;
42 thence binding on the east side of said North Stockton Street Northerly 10.0 feet to the north
43 side of said 10 Foot Alley and thence binding on the north side of said 10 Foot Alley Easterly
44 157.0 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning.

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1 Containing 1,570 square feet or 0.036 acres more or less

2 Sheet 6 of 6 comprising certain streets and alleys bounded by West Fayette Street, North
3 Schroeder Street, West Fairmount Avenue and North Carrollton Avenue lying within the
4 Poppleton Urban Renewal Area and described as follows:

5 Beginning for Parcel 11 at the point formed by the intersection of the east side of North
6 Carrollton Avenue, 66 feet wide, and the south side of a Variable Width Alley, said point of
7 beginning being distant Northerly 63.3 feet, more or less, measured along the east side of said
8 North Carrollton Avenue from the north side of West Fairmount Avenue variable width;
9 thence binding on the east side of said North Carrollton Avenue Northerly 10 feet, more or
10 less, to the north side of said Variable Width Alley; thence binding on the north side of said
11 Variable Width Alley Easterly 246.0 feet, more or less, to the eastern most extremity thereof;
12 thence binding on the easternmost extremity thereof; thence Southerly 8.0 feet, more or less,
13 to the south side of said Variable Width Alley and thence binding on the south side of said
14 Variable Width Alley Westerly 246.0 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

15 Containing 2,214.0 square feet or 0.051 acres, more or less

16 Beginning for Parcel 12 at the point formed by the intersection of the north side of West
17 Fairmount Avenue varying in width and the west side of a 12 Foot Alley, said point of
18 beginning being distant Easterly 79.96 feet, more or less, measured along the north side of
19 said West Fairmount Avenue from the east side of North Carrollton Avenue, 66 feet wide;
20 thence leaving the north side of said West Fairmount Avenue and binding on the west side of
21 said 12 Foot Alley, Northerly 63.9 feet, more or less, to intersect the south side of a Variable
22 Width Alley; thence binding on the south side of said Variable Width Alley, Easterly 12 feet,
23 more or less, to the east side of said 12 Foot Alley; thence binding on the east side of said 12
24 Foot Alley, Southerly 58 feet more or less, to intersect the north side of said West Fairmount
25 Avenue and thence binding on the north side of said West Fairmount Avenue Southwesterly
26 13.4 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

27 Containing 734.7 square feet or 0.017 acres, more or less

28 As delineated on a plat numbered 343-A-27A, Sheets 1 through 6, prepared by the Survey
29 Control Section and filed on January 16, 2024 in the Office of the Department of
30 Transportation.

31 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the proceedings for the condemnation and
32 closing of certain streets and alleys, bounded by West Mulberry Street, North Schroeder Street,
33 West Fairmount Avenue and North Stockton Street, lying within the Poppleton Urban Renewal
34 Area, and the rights of all interested parties shall be regulated by and in accordance with all
35 applicable provisions of state and local law and with all applicable rules and regulations.

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

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

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

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

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