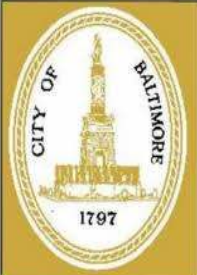


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	<b>AGENCY NAME &amp; ADDRESS</b>	Department of Public Works 600 Abel Wolman Municipal Building		
	<b>SUBJECT</b>	City Council Bill 21-0023		

April 30, 2021

**TO:**

Economic and Community Development Committee

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 21-0023 introduced by Council Member Glover.

The purpose of the Resolution is to amend the Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East to modify certain land uses allowed in the Plan, to correct, clarify, and conform certain provisions and references in the Plan to those in the current Baltimore City Zoning Code, to replace Appendix B with new Appendix B, to delete Appendix E in its entirety, to remove certain properties from the lists in Appendices A, C, and D and to remove certain other properties located within the Renewal Area; to replace the exhibits with new exhibits to reflect the changes in the Plan, and to modify the boundaries of the Plan to reflect the removal of certain properties, as shown on the new exhibits; waive certain content and procedural requirements; make the provisions of this Ordinance severable; provide for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and provide for a special effective date.

The Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East was established by Ordinance 79-1202 and was last amended by Ordinance 18-190, which reauthorized the Plan’s powers of acquisition and condemnation for an additional four (4) years (until December 31, 2022) so that these actions could legally continue in compliance with § 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Ordinance also deleted certain properties from the lists in Appendices A and D of the Plan.

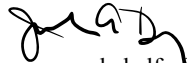
City Council Bill 21-0023 would do the following:

- (1) Remove the C.A.R.E. (Caring, Active, Restoring Efforts) community from the Urban Renewal Plan boundaries, which is generally bounded by East Monument Street to the north, Orleans Street and a portion of East Fayette Street to the south, Patterson Park Avenue to the east, and Wolfe and Washington Streets to the west.
- (2) Update the Zoning designations within the Plan to reflect the changes to the Zoning Code that occurred in 2017;

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- (3) Update the Plan Exhibits to reflect the changes to the Plan;
- (4) Remove the C.A.R.E. properties from Appendices A, C, and D;
- (5) Delete Appendix E Design Guidelines; and
- (6) Update language throughout the Urban Renewal Plan to incorporate the proposed changes.

The Department of Public Works understands that Urban Renewal Plans require periodic updates and amendments to remain viable, and that significant community involvement and outreach has occurred over the past two (2) years to explain the proposed actions and modifications. Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 21-0023.



on behalf of Matthew W Garbark  
Matthew W. Garbark  
Acting Director

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