ORDINANCE 24 · 321 Council Bill 24-0474

Introduced by: The Council President

At the request of: The Administration (Department of Real Estate)

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2024

Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

Committee Report: Favorable Council action: Adopted

Read second time: February 26, 2024

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

1 2	Acquisition of Property – Block 6990, Lots 1 – 7, and Block 6991, Lots 1 – 26, and the Bed of Woodhouse Avenue		
3	FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire, by purchase		
4	or condemnation, the fee simple or other interests in certain property known as Block 6990,		
5	Lots 1 through 7, and Block 6991, Lots 1 through 26, and the bed of Woodhouse Avenue		
6	needed for the purpose of laying out or extending a public road and the widening of Ralls		
7	Avenue as shown on Plat 240-A-56-A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; an		
8	providing for a special effective date.		
9	By authority of		
0	Article I - General Provisions		
1	Section 4		
2	and		
3	Article II - General Powers		
4	Sections 2, 34, and 35		
5	Baltimore City Charter		
6	(1996 Edition)		
7	Recitals		
8	WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and Baltimore County are working		
9	together on a project, known as the Center Place Roadway Extension Project; and		
	togother on a project, known as the Center I face Roadway Extension Project, and		
0.	WHEREAS, the Center Place Roadway Extension Project will provide a new transportation		
:1	connection from Baltimore City to Historic Dundalk in Baltimore County; and		

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

WHEREAS, certain parcels needed for the Center Place Roadway Extension Project are on

private properties located in Baltimore City; and

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1	WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and Baltimore County entered into a		
2	Memorandum of Understanding approved by the Board of Estimates on April 5, 2023, providing		
3	for the acquisition of the private properties and the bed of Woodhouse Avenue located in		
4	Baltimore City.		
5	SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That it is		
6	necessary to acquire, for the purpose of laying out or extending a public road and the widening of		
7	Ralls Avenue, the fee simple or other interests that the Director of Transportation considers		
8	needed or sufficient in the land and improvements known as Block 6990, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and		
9	7, and Block 6991, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22,		
10	23, 24, 25, and 26, together with all right, title, and interest in the bed of Woodhouse Avenue		
11	from the Baltimore City Boundary Line to Ralls Avenue.		
12	Together with all right, title, interest and estate that the owner of the property has in all		
13	streets, alleys, ways, or lanes, public or private, contained within or abutting the property.		
14	As delineated on Plat No. 240-A-56-A, prepared by the Survey Section, and filed on		
15	December 7, 2023 in the Office of the Department of Transportation.		
16	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the Department of Real Estate, or any		
17	other person or agency that the Board of Estimates designates, may negotiate and acquire on		
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19	and improvements described in this Ordinance as needed or sufficient for the purposes described		
20	in this Ordinance. If the Department of Real Estate, or the person or agency otherwise		
21	designated by the Board of Estimates, is unable to agree with the owner on the purchase price for		
22	the property, it shall promptly notify the City Solicitor, who shall institute the necessary legal		
23	proceedings to acquire by condemnation the fee simple or other interests needed or sufficient for		
24	the purposes described in this Ordinance.		
25	SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That proceedings for the acquisition by		
26	condemnation of the property described in this Ordinance and all rights of all parties interested or		
27	affected shall be in accordance with Title 12 of the Real Property Article of the Maryland Code.		
28	SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is		
29	enacted.		

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Certified as duly passed this 04 day of March . 2024				
	President, Baltimore City Council			
Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,				
this 04 day of March . 2024				
<u> </u>	Chief Clerk			
Approved this 1) day of M-12, 2014				
	1 Dation City			
	Mayor, Baltimore City			
Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency This 12th Day of March, 2024.				
Elena Di Pietro Chief Solicitor				