

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0048R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Baltimore Development Corporation)
Introduced and read first time: September 25, 2017
Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee
Committee Report: Favorable
Adopted: October 30, 2017

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

**1 Approving the Submission of an Application to the State of Maryland
2 for the Redesignation/Renewal of Baltimore City’s Enterprise Zone Focus Areas**

3 FOR the purpose of approving the submission of an application to the State of Maryland to
4 redesignate and renew Baltimore City’s Enterprise Zone Focus Areas.

5 **WHEREAS**, The General Assembly of the State of Maryland established an Enterprise Zone
6 Program to focus State and local resources on the encouragement of economic growth in
7 economically distressed areas and employment opportunities for the unemployed; and

8 **WHEREAS**, The City Council recognizes that there is a significant need to stimulate the
9 creation of jobs by establishing Focus Areas, and, that by doing so, opportunities will increase for
10 revitalization, property rehabilitation, and job creation (See the attached Exhibit A, “Proposed
11 City Focus Area Redesignation/Renewal”, for a map of the area affected by approval of this
12 Resolution); and

13 **WHEREAS**, The Jones Falls Focus Area (Exhibit B), Carroll Camden Industrial Focus Area,
14 (Exhibit C), and Oldtown Focus Area (Exhibit D) expired on June 30, 2017, and must be
15 redesignated as Enterprise Zone Focus Areas by the State of Maryland; and

16 **WHEREAS**, The Orangeville/Holabird Industrial Focus Area (Exhibit E) is scheduled to
17 expire on December 14, 2019, and the Central West Baltimore Focus Area (Exhibit F) is
18 scheduled to expire on December 14, 2021, and may be renewed as Enterprise Zone Focus Areas
19 by the State of Maryland; and

20 **WHEREAS**, The City of Baltimore wishes to pursue an application for redesignation and
21 renewal of all aforementioned Focus Areas, so that the expiration of all Focus Areas will occur
22 simultaneously with the expiration of the Enterprise Zone; and

23 **WHEREAS**, The Focus Areas will follow the provisions of the Maryland Annotated Code
24 Economic Development Article § 5-706 and will expire on June 14, 2022, the date of expiration
25 for the Enterprise Zone; and

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.

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1 **WHEREAS**, The City of Baltimore, through the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC),
2 has prepared an application for the redesignation and renewal of the Focus Areas, to include
3 these aforementioned areas; and

4 **WHEREAS**, The regulations of the Enterprise Zone Focus Area Program require the written
5 expression of the sentiment of the Baltimore City Council.

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
7 Council of Baltimore:

- 8 1. Hereby endorses this October 2017 application of the City for the redesignation of
9 the Oldtown Focus Area, Carroll Camden Industrial Focus Area, and Jones Falls
10 Focus Area and for the renewal of the Orangeville/Holabird Industrial Focus Area
11 and the Central West Baltimore Focus Area.
- 12 2. Resolves that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Maryland
13 Department of Commerce, State of Maryland; the Honorable Mayor of the City of
14 Baltimore, and the President of the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC).