

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE 25-057**  
**Council Bill 25-0084**

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Introduced by: The Council President

At the request of: The Administration (Department of Transportation)

Introduced and read first time: July 21, 2025

Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee

Committee Report: Favorable

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: September 29, 2005

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

1      **City Streets – Closing – A 6 Foot Portion of West Saratoga Street and an Alley 10.67 Feet**  
2      **Wide, Bounded By Pearl Street, West Saratoga Street, and North Greene Street**

3      FOR the purpose of condemning and closing a 6 foot portion of West Saratoga Street and an alley  
4      10.67 feet wide bounded by Pearl Street, West Saratoga Street and North Greene Street, as  
5      shown on a plat numbered 307-A-23A, prepared by the Survey Section and filed in the Office  
6      of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

7      BY authority of

8      Article I - General Provisions

9      Section 4

10     and

11     Article II - General Powers

12     Sections 2, 34, 35

13     Baltimore City Charter

14     (1996 Edition)

15      **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
16      Department of Transportation shall proceed to condemn and close a 6 foot portion of West  
17      Saratoga Street and an alley 10.67 feet wide bounded by Pearl Street, West Saratoga Street, and  
18      North Greene Street, and more particularly described as follows:

19      Beginning for Parcel 1 at the point formed by the intersection of the south side  
20      of West Saratoga Street variable width, and the east side of Pearl Street 60 feet  
21      wide; thence binding on the east side of said Pearl Street Northerly 6 feet more or  
22      less, to the new line of division; thence binding on the new line of division  
23      Easterly 60 feet to intersect the west side of a 10.67 foot alley so projected; thence  
24      binding Southerly 6 feet more or less, along the west of said alley so projected to  
25      the south side of West Saratoga Street and thence binding on the south side of said  
26      West Saratoga Street Westerly 60 feet more or less, to the place of beginning.

27      Containing 360.0 square feet or 0.0083 acres, more or less.

**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.

1 Beginning for Parcel 2 at the point formed by the intersection of the east side of an  
2 alley 10.67 feet wide and the south side of West Saratoga Street variable width, said point  
3 of beginning being distant Westerly 100 feet measured along the south side of said West  
4 Saratoga Street from the west side of North Greene Street 65 feet wide; thence binding on  
5 the east side of said alley, Southerly 62 feet more or less, to the south side of said alley;  
6 thence binding on the south side of said alley Southwesterly 6.7 feet more or less; thence  
7 Westerly 5 feet more or less, to the west side of said alley; thence binding on the west  
8 side of said alley Northerly 59.3 feet more or less, to the south side of said West Saratoga  
9 Street and thence Northeasterly 12.4 feet more or less, to the place of beginning.

10 Containing 656.12 square feet or 0.0151 acres, more or less.

11 As delineated on a plat numbered 307-A-23A, prepared by the Survey Control  
12 Section, and filed on October 5, 2024 in the Office of the Department of Transportation.

13 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That the proceedings for the condemnation and  
14 closing of a 6 foot portion of West Saratoga Street and an alley 10.67 feet wide bounded by Pearl  
15 Street, West Saratoga Street and North Greene Street and the rights of all interested parties shall  
16 be regulated by and in accordance with all applicable provisions of state and local law and with  
17 all applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Director of the Department of Transportation  
18 and filed with the Department of Legislative Reference.

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

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

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

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

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

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Certified as duly passed this 20th day of October, 2025

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 21st day of October, 2025

Chief Clerk

Approved this 23rd day of October, 2025

Brandon M. Scott  
Mayor, Baltimore City

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Director of Finance

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency.

this 22nd day of October, 2025

Chief Solicitor