

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 07-0565
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Public Works)
Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2007
Assigned to: Highways and Franchises Subcommittee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Works, Department of Transportation, Baltimore Development Corporation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 style="text-align:center">**City Streets – Closing –**
3 style="text-align:center">**A 6-Foot Wide Portion of Maryland Avenue**

4 FOR the purpose of condemning and closing a 6-foot wide portion of Maryland Avenue,
5 contiguous to the west side thereof, and extending from the north side of Mt. Royal Avenue,
6 Northerly 200.8 feet, more or less, as shown on Plat 347-A-62A in the Office of the
7 Department of Public Works; and providing for a special effective date.

8 By authority of
9 Article I - General Provisions
10 Section 4
11 and
12 Article II - General Powers
13 Sections 2, 34, 35
14 Baltimore City Charter
15 (1996 Edition)

16 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
17 Department of Public Works shall proceed to condemn and close a 6-foot wide portion of
18 Maryland Avenue, contiguous to the west side thereof, and extending from the north side of Mt.
19 Royal Avenue, Northerly 200.8 feet, more or less, and more particularly described as follows:

20 Beginning for Parcel No. 1 at the point formed by the intersection of the north
21 side of Mt. Royal Avenue, 125 feet wide, and the west side of Maryland Avenue,
22 66 feet wide, and running thence binding on the west side of said Maryland
23 Avenue, Northerly 200.8 feet, more or less; thence by a straight line, Easterly 6.0
24 feet to intersect a line drawn parallel with and distant 6.0 feet measured at a right
25 angle to the west side of said Maryland Avenue; thence binding on said line, so
26 drawn, Southerly 200.8 feet, more or less, to intersect the north side of said
27 Mount Royal Avenue, and thence binding on the north side of said Mt. Royal
28 Avenue, Westerly 6.0 feet to the place of beginning.

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

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1 As delineated on Plat 347-A-62A, prepared by the Survey Control Section and filed in the Office
2 of the Department of Public Works.

3 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the proceedings for the condemnation and
4 closing of a 6-foot wide portion of Maryland Avenue and the rights of all interested parties shall
5 be regulated by and in accordance with all applicable provisions of state and local law and with
6 all applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Director of Public Works and filed with the
7 Department of Legislative Reference.

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

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

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

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

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