

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 08-0083**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Planning)  
Introduced and read first time: March 17, 2008  
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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Bond Issue — Public Buildings Loan — \$12,500,000**

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2                   **Bond Issue — Public Buildings Loan — \$12,500,000**  
3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to Resolution  
4 XV of 2008 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing  
5 Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness as  
6 evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding \$12,500,000 from the sale of such certificates  
7 of indebtedness to be used for the cost of issuance, including the expense of engraving,  
8 printing, advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected therewith,  
9 and the remainder of such proceeds to be used for the acquisition, by purchase,  
10 condemnation, or any other legal means, of land or property, or any rights therein, in the City  
11 of Baltimore, and for constructing and erecting, on said land or property, or on any land or  
12 property, new buildings, structures and other auxiliary facilities owned by the Mayor and  
13 City Council of Baltimore, and for the renovation, alternation, construction, reconstruction,  
14 installation, improvement and repair of existing buildings, structures and facilities to be or  
15 now being used in connection with the operations, and functions of buildings owned by the  
16 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore; and to equip all facilities authorized to be constructed,  
17 renovated, altered or improved by the provisions hereof; the payment of any and all costs and  
18 expenses incurred for or in connection with doing any or all of the things herein mentioned,  
19 including, but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal,  
20 economic analysis, engineering, planning, designing, architectural, surveying, and other  
21 professional services; and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in  
22 connection with or pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned;  
23 authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds; conferring and imposing upon the Board of  
24 Finance of Baltimore City certain powers and duties; authorizing the submission of this  
25 Ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at  
26 the election to be held in Baltimore City on Tuesday, the 4th day of November, 2008; and  
27 providing for the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of said certificates of indebtedness in  
28 accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,  
29 and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor  
and City Council of Baltimore.

**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.

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1       **WHEREAS**, By Resolution XV of 2008, approved by the members of the Maryland General  
2 Assembly representing Baltimore City, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore is authorized to  
3 create a debt and to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness (hereinafter called "bonds") as  
4 evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding \$12,500,000 from the sale of such bonds to be  
5 used in connection with buildings owned by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore as  
6 authorized by said Resolution; and

7       **WHEREAS**, Funds are now needed for said purposes; now, therefore,

8       **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the  
9 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, acting by and through the Board of Finance of said  
10 municipality, be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to create a debt and to issue and sell  
11 bonds of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore from time to time, as may be needed or  
12 required for the purposes hereinafter named and said bonds shall be sold by the Board of Finance  
13 from time to time and at such times as shall be requisite, and proceeds not exceeding  
14 \$12,500,000 from the sale of such bonds shall be used for the purposes hereinafter named,  
15 provided that this Ordinance shall not become effective unless it shall be approved by a majority  
16 of the votes of the legal voters of Baltimore City cast at the time and place hereinafter designated  
17 by this Ordinance.

18       **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That:

19           (a) The denomination or denominations of the bonds to be issued at any particular time  
20 and the place or places for the payment of principal and interest thereof are to be determined by  
21 the Board of Finance.

22           (b) The bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this Ordinance  
23 may be issued to mature on such dates and in such amounts as the Board of Finance may  
24 determine; provided that the entire principal amount represented thereby shall be discharged not  
25 more than 40 years from the date of issuance of the bonds.

26           (c) The bonds, when issued, shall bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined  
27 by the Board of Finance, which rate or rates may be fixed or variable or as determined by a  
28 method approved by the Board of Finance, and such interest shall be payable at such time or  
29 times as may be determined by the Board of Finance.

30       **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That a majority of the Board of Finance of the  
31 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore be, and they are hereby, authorized to pass a resolution or  
32 resolutions, from time to time, to determine and set forth any or all of the following:

33           (a) The amount of debt to be incurred by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore at any  
34 particular time, and from time to time, under and pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance;  
35 the date or dates when any bonds representing said debt, or any part thereof, are to mature, and  
36 the amount or amounts of said debt, or any part thereof, which shall mature upon the aforesaid  
37 date or dates; and the date or dates in each year, during the entire period of time when any of  
38 said bonds are outstanding, when interest on any of said bonds shall be payable;

39           (b) The form or forms of the bonds representing the debt, or any part thereof, authorized  
40 to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance at any particular time; and

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1 (c) If the bonds are to be sold at public sale, the time, place, manner and medium of  
2 advertisement of the readiness of the Board of Finance, acting for and on behalf of the Mayor  
3 and City Council of Baltimore, to receive bids for the purchase of the bonds authorized to be  
4 issued hereunder or any part thereof; the form, terms and conditions of such bids; the time, place  
5 and manner of awarding bonds so bid for, including the right whenever any of the bonds  
6 authorized by this Ordinance are offered for sale and sold at the same time as other bonds of the  
7 City, to establish the conditions for bids and awards and to award all of the bonds on an all or  
8 none basis; and the time, place, terms and manner of settlement for the bonds so bid for;  
9 provided, however, that notwithstanding anything in this section, the Mayor and City Council of  
10 Baltimore, or the Board of Finance, as the case may be, shall have the right to reject any or all  
11 bids therefor for any reason.

12 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:**

13 (a) All premiums resulting from the sale of any of the bonds issued and sold pursuant to  
14 the provisions of this Ordinance shall be applied as directed by the Board of Finance.

15 (b) The debt authorized by the provisions of this Ordinance, and the bonds issued and  
16 sold pursuant thereto and their transfer, and the principal and interest payable thereon (including  
17 any profit made in the sale thereof), shall be and remain exempt from any and all State, county  
18 and municipal taxation in the State of Maryland.

19 (c) All bonds issued and sold pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance may be sold at  
20 public sale by the solicitation of competitive bids or at private (negotiated) sale without  
21 advertisement or solicitation of competitive bids, for a price or prices which may be at, above or  
22 below par value of the bonds, as determined by resolution of the Board of Finance of the Mayor  
23 and City Council of Baltimore.

24 **SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That** until all of the interest on and principal of  
25 any bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance have been paid in full, the Mayor  
26 and City Council of Baltimore shall levy and impose an annual tax on each \$100 of assessable  
27 property in the City of Baltimore at a rate sufficient to produce revenue to pay all interest on and  
28 principal of all bonds theretofore issued and outstanding or authorized to be issued and  
29 outstanding, payable in the next succeeding year.

30 **SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That** this Ordinance shall be submitted to the  
31 legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the election to be held  
32 in Baltimore City, on Tuesday, the 4th day of November, 2008.

33 **SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That** prior to the date of the election  
34 hereinbefore mentioned, notice shall be given to the public of the amount of money which the  
35 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore is authorized to borrow, and the general purposes for  
36 which such borrowed funds may be expended, under the terms and provisions of this Ordinance,  
37 and the time when the election hereinbefore mentioned is to be held; and such public notice shall  
38 be given in such manner and by such means or through such media and at such time or times as  
39 may be determined, from time to time, by a majority of the Board of Finance.

40 **SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That** the actual cash proceeds derived from the  
41 sale of the bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be used  
42 exclusively for the following purposes, to wit:

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1 (a) So much thereof as may be necessary for the cost of issuance, including the expense  
2 of engraving, printing, advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected  
3 therewith (which may include the proportion of the compensation of employees and general  
4 administrative expenses of the Department of Finance reasonably allocated to the issuance of the  
5 bonds); and

6 (b) The remainder of such proceeds shall be used for the acquisition, by purchase,  
7 condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any rights therein, in the City of  
8 Baltimore, and for constructing and erecting, on said land or property or on any land or property,  
9 new buildings, structures and other auxiliary facilities owned by the Mayor and City Council of  
10 Baltimore and for the renovation, alteration, construction, reconstruction, installation,  
11 improvement and repair of existing buildings, structures and facilities to be or now being used  
12 in connection with the operations, functions and activities of the Mayor and City Council of  
13 Baltimore; and to equip all buildings authorized to be constructed, renovated, altered or  
14 improved under the provisions hereof; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred  
15 for or in connection with doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including, but not  
16 limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis,  
17 engineering, planning, designing, architectural, surveying, and other professional services; and  
18 for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining to  
19 any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned.

20 **SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:**

21 (a) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, acting by and through the Board of  
22 Finance thereof, is hereby authorized and empowered to issue its bonds for the purpose of  
23 refunding any bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance by payment  
24 at maturity or the purchase or redemption of bonds in advance of maturity. The validity of any  
25 refunding bonds shall in no way be dependent upon or related to the validity or invalidity of the  
26 bonds being refunded. Such refunding bonds may be issued by the Mayor and City Council of  
27 Baltimore, acting by and through the Board of Finance thereof, for the purpose of providing it  
28 with funds to pay any of its outstanding bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of  
29 this Ordinance at maturity, to purchase in the open market any of its outstanding bonds  
30 authorized to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance prior to their maturity, to redeem  
31 prior to their maturity any outstanding bonds which are, by their terms, redeemable, to pay  
32 interest on any outstanding bonds prior to their payment at maturity or purchase or redemption in  
33 advance of maturity, or to pay any redemption or purchase premium in connection with the  
34 refunding of any of its outstanding bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this  
35 Ordinance.

36 (b) Any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this  
37 Ordinance may be issued for the public purpose of:

38 (1) Realizing savings to Baltimore City in the aggregate cost of debt service on either  
39 a direct comparison or present value basis; or

40 (2) Debt restructuring that:

41 (i) In the aggregate effects such a reduction in the cost of debt service; or

42 (ii) Is determined by the Board of Finance of the Mayor and City Council of  
43 Baltimore to be in the best interests of Baltimore City, to be consistent with Baltimore City's

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1 long-term financial plan, and to realize a financial objective of Baltimore City including,  
2 improving the relationship of debt service to a source of payment such as taxes, assessments, or  
3 other charges.

4 (c) Any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this  
5 Ordinance may be issued in whatever principal amount shall be required to achieve the purpose  
6 for the issuance of the refunding bonds, which amount may be in excess of the principal amount  
7 of the bonds refunded or the maximum principal amount of bonds authorized to be issued under  
8 Section 1 of this Ordinance.

9 (d) Any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this  
10 Ordinance may be issued to mature on such dates and in such amounts as the Board of Finance  
11 may determine; provided that the entire principal amount represented by the refunding bonds  
12 shall be discharged not more than 40 years from the date of issuance of the bonds being  
13 refunded.

14 (e) Any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this  
15 Ordinance may be sold at public sale by the solicitation of competitive bids or at private  
16 (negotiated) sale without advertisement or solicitation of competitive bids, for a price or prices  
17 which may be at, above or below the par value of the refunding bonds, as determined by  
18 resolution of the Board of Finance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

19 (f) Any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this  
20 Ordinance shall bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined by the Board of Finance  
21 of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, which rate or rates may be fixed or variable or as  
22 determined by a method approved by the Board of Finance, and such interest shall be payable at  
23 such time or times as may be determined by the Board of Finance.

24 (g) The proceeds of the sale of any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold  
25 under the provisions of this Ordinance, after the payment of issuance costs relating thereto, shall  
26 be set aside by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore as a separate trust fund to be used  
27 solely for the purposes stated in this Section 9.

28 (h) Except as otherwise provided in this Section 9, the powers granted in, the limitations  
29 and obligations imposed by, and the procedures specified in this Ordinance with respect to the  
30 issuance of bonds shall be applicable to the issuance of refunding bonds.

31 (i) Any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this  
32 Ordinance shall not be subject to any debt policy limitation that may from time to time be  
33 established by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

34 **SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the expenditure of the proceeds derived  
35 from the sale of the bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be  
36 in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,  
37 and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and  
38 City Council of Baltimore.

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Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City