

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 09-0327  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Middleton, Kraft, Reisinger, Welch, D'Adamo, Curran,  
Spector, Henry, Conaway, Holton, Clarke

At the request of: Cylburn Arboretum Association c/o Nell Strachan  
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Introduced and read first time: April 27, 2009

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of  
Real Estate, Department of Recreation and Parks

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Property – Naming the Visitors’ Orientation and Education Center of the**  
3 **Cylburn Arboretum Association to be the Vollmer Center**

4 FOR the purpose of naming the Visitors’ Orientation and Education Center of the Cylburn  
5 Arboretum Association, located at 4915 Greenspring Avenue, to be the Vollmer Center.

6 BY authority of

7 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement

8 Section 20-2

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

11 **Recitals**

12 Pauline Vollmer, a longtime Baltimore resident, avid gardener, and member  
13 of the Cylburn Arboretum Association, the Horticultural Society of Maryland,  
14 and the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc., has shared her joy and  
15 knowledge of gardening by lecturing about it and by opening her own garden for  
16 tours by many local and national gardening organizations. Always oriented to the  
17 City, it was her idea to create a place at Cylburn where gardening organizations  
18 could pass on the joys and knowledge of gardening to others. Her gift of \$1  
19 million, which the City immediately matched, launched a fund-raising campaign  
20 and culminated in the construction of the new building on the grounds of Cylburn  
21 Arboretum.

22 This building will serve as a welcome center for the Arboretum where visitors  
23 will receive information about the Arboretum, the historic Cylburn Mansion, the  
24 various gardens, education programs and nature walks, Cylburn history, and what  
25 is in bloom, etc. A 250-seat auditorium will provide a venue for lectures about  
26 horticulture, the environment, and related topics for visitors of all ages. The  
27 building will also contain offices for the Cylburn Arboretum Association, the  
28 Horticultural Society of Maryland, and the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland.

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

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1           This grouping of organizations will create a hub for all facets of gardening and  
2 horticultural education, and through workshops, demonstrations, and lectures,  
3 Baltimore will have a center for horticulture that did not before exist.

4           None of this would have happened without the generosity and efforts of  
5 Pauline Vollmer. In recognition of her service, it is fitting that this building be  
6 named “The Vollmer Center.”

7           **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
8 Visitors’ Orientation and Education Center of the Cylburn Arboretum Association, located at  
9 4915 Greenspring Avenue, is named the Vollmer Center.

10           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
11 after the date it is enacted.