

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 26-0209
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President
Cosponsored by: Councilmember Bullock
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Transportation)
Introduced and read first time: June 15, 2026
Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee

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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Streets – Closing – Portions of Certain Streets and Alleys Bounded by W. Lafayette**
3 **Avenue, N. Brice Street, W. Lanvale Street, N. Pulaski Street, Harlem Avenue, and the**
4 **Land of National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak)**

5 FOR the purpose of condemning and closing portions of certain streets and alleys bounded by
6 W. Lafayette Avenue, N. Brice Street, W. Lanvale Street, N. Pulaski Street, Harlem Avenue,
7 and the Land of National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) as shown on a plat
8 numbered 316-C-6 Series for Group B prepared by Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP
9 and filed in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special
10 effective date.

11 BY authority of
12 Article I - General Provisions
13 Section 4
14 and
15 Article II - General Powers
16 Sections 2, 34, 35
17 Baltimore City Charter
18 (1996 Edition)

19 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
20 Department of Transportation shall proceed to condemn and close portions of certain streets and
21 alleys bounded by W. Lafayette Avenue, N. Brice Street, W. Lanvale Street, N. Pulaski Street,
22 Harlem Avenue, and the Land of National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and more
23 particularly described as follows:

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

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**DESCRIPTION OF
PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS LYING WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY W.
LAFAYETTE AVENUE, N. BRICE STREET, W. LANVALE STREET, N. PULASKI
STREET, HARLEM AVENUE AND THE LAND OF NATIONAL RAILROAD
PASSENGER CORPORATION (AMTRAK)
WARD 16, SECTION 5, BLOCKS 81 AND 82 AND
WARD 16, SECTION 8, BLOCK 93**

All that land known as Parcel 4 and contained within the following metes and bounds:

Beginning on the south side of W. Lanvale Street, 66 feet wide, as condemned and opened under Ordinance No. 39, approved May 6, 1857, at its intersection with the west side of N. Pulaski Street, 66 feet wide, as condemned and opened under Ordinance No. 39, approved April 13, 1866, thence leaving N. Pulaski Street and binding on the south side of W. Lanvale Street, with all courses of this description referred to the meridian established in the Baltimore City Survey Control System, South 87 degrees 18 minutes 18 seconds West 100.00 feet to the eastern terminus of that part of W. Lanvale Street closed pursuant to Ordinance No. 11, approved July 8, 1931, thence running and binding thereon, North 02 degrees 26 minutes 47 seconds West 66.00 feet to the north side of W. Lanvale Street, thence running and binding thereon, North 87 degrees 18 minutes 18 seconds East 100.00 feet to the west side of N. Pulaski Street aforesaid, thence running and binding thereon South 02 degrees 26 minutes 47 seconds East 66.00 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 6,600 sq. ft. or 0.152 acres, more or less.

All that land known as Parcel 5 and contained within the following metes and bounds:

Beginning on the east side of N. Pulaski Street, 66 feet wide, as condemned and opened under Ordinance No. 39, approved April 13, 1866, at its intersection with the south side of W. Lafayette Avenue, 66 feet wide, thence binding on the east side of N. Pulaski Street, with all courses of this description referred to the meridian established in the Baltimore City Survey Control System, South 02 degrees 25 minutes 11 seconds East 365.48 feet to the north side of Lanvale Street, 66 feet wide, thence leaving the east side of N. Pulaski Street and binding on the north side of W. Lanvale Street, South 87 degrees 12 minutes 54 seconds West 66.02 feet to the west side of N. Pulaski Street, thence running and binding thereon, North 02 degrees 25 minutes 02 seconds West 365.72 feet to the south side of Lafayette Avenue aforesaid, thence binding thereon, North 87 degrees 25 minutes 37 seconds East 66.00 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 24,133 sq. ft. or 0.554 acres, more or less.

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1 All that land known as Parcel 6 and contained within the following metes and bounds:

2 Beginning on the east side of N. Pulaski Street, 66 feet wide, at its intersection with the
3 north side of a 10 foot wide Alley lying parallel to and 80 feet, more or less, north of the
4 north side of W. Lanvale Street, thence binding on the north side of said Alley, with all
5 courses of this description referred to the meridian established in the Baltimore City Survey
6 Control System, North 87 degrees 22 minutes 29 seconds East 135.09 feet to the west side
7 of N. Brice Street, 40 feet wide, thence binding thereon, South 02 degrees 25 minutes 13
8 seconds East 10.00 feet to the south side of said Alley, thence binding thereon, South 87
9 degrees 22 minutes 29 seconds West 135.09 feet to the east side of N. Pulaski Street
10 aforesaid, thence binding thereon, North 02 degrees 25 minutes 11 seconds West 10.00 feet
11 to the place of beginning.

12 Containing 1,351 sq. ft. or 0.031 acres, more or less.

13 All that land known as Parcel 7 and contained within the following metes and bounds:

14 Beginning at a point distant northerly 90 feet, more or less, from the north side of W.
15 Lanvale Street and distant 75 feet, more or less, west of the west side of N. Brice Street, said
16 point being at the northwest corner of the intersection of two 10 foot alleys there situate, one
17 running north-south and the other running east-west, thence running and binding on the west
18 side of the alley running north-south, with all courses of this description referred to the
19 meridian established in the Baltimore City Survey Control System, North 02 degrees 25
20 minutes 12 seconds West 185.22 feet to the south side of another 10 foot wide alley there
21 situate, thence running and binding thereon, North 87 degrees 24 minutes 40 seconds East
22 10.00 feet to the east side of the first herein mentioned alley, thence running and binding
23 thereon, South 02 degrees 25 minutes 12 seconds East 185.21 feet to the north side of the
24 aforementioned alley running east-west, thence running and binding thereon, South 87
25 degrees 22 minutes 29 seconds West 10.00 feet to the place of beginning.

26 Containing 1,852 sq. ft. or 0.043 acres, more or less.

27 All that land known as Parcel 8 and contained within the following metes and bounds:

28 Beginning on the east side of N. Pulaski Street, 66 feet wide, at its intersection with the
29 west side of a 10 foot wide Alley lying parallel to and 80 feet, more or less, south of the
30 south side of Lafayette Street, thence binding on the east side of N. Pulaski Street, with all
31 courses of this description referred to the meridian established in the Baltimore City Survey
32 Control System, North 02 degrees 25 minutes 11 seconds West 10.00 feet to the north side
33 of said alley, thence binding thereon, North 87 degrees 24 minutes 40 seconds East 135.09
34 feet to the west side of Brice Street, 40 feet wide, thence binding thereon, South 02 degrees
35 25 minutes 13 seconds East 10.00 feet to the south side of said alley, thence binding thereon,
36 South 87 degrees 24 minutes 40 seconds West 135.09 feet to the place of beginning.

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1 Containing 1,351 sq. ft. or 0.031 acres, more or less.

2 As delineated on a plat numbered 316-C-6 prepared by Whitman, Requardt & Associates,
3 LLP and filed on February 5, 2026 in the Office of the Department of Transportation.

4 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the proceedings for the condemnation and
5 closing of portions of the rights of all interested parties shall be regulated by and in accordance
6 with all applicable provisions of state and local law and with all applicable rules and regulations
7 adopted by the Director of Transportation and filed with the Department of Legislative
8 Reference.

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

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

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

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

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