

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 26-0203
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Blanchard

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Parker, Conway, Middleton, Gray,
Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Ramos, and Jones

Introduced and read first time: June 8, 2026

Assigned to: Housing and Economic Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Planning Commission, Commission for Historical and
Architectural Preservation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Landmark List – Juanita Jackson Mitchell Law Offices**

3 FOR the purpose of designating the Juanita Jackson Mitchell Law Offices, located at 1239 Druid
4 Hill Avenue, as a historical landmark: exterior; and honoring the legacy of Juanita Jackson
5 Mitchell.

6 BY adding

7 Article 6 - Historical and Architectural Preservation

8 Section 18A-10

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

11 **Recitals**

12 As the first Black woman to practice law in the State of Maryland, Juanita Jackson Mitchell
13 was a trailblazer in the legal field as well as an organizer and writer who was essential to the civil
14 rights movement. Jackson Mitchell also gave youth a voice by founding the Citywide Young
15 People’s Forum in 1931 and became the Youth Director for the National Association for the
16 Advancement of Colored People in 1935.

17 The building at 1239 Druid Hill Avenue served as Jackson Mitchell’s law offices and served
18 as a key meeting place for Black Baltimoreans during the civil rights era. Notably, the law
19 offices were the location where Jackson Mitchell and Thurgood Marshall began strategizing for
20 the second Brown vs. Board of Education decision.

21 Designating this location as a City landmark will ensure the Juanita Jackson Mitchell Law
22 Offices remain as a testament to the legacy of Juanita Jackson Mitchell and the civil rights
23 movement in Baltimore for generations to come.

24 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
25 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

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

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Article 6. Historical and Architectural Preservation

Subtitle 18A. Landmark List: Exteriors – 2020s

§ 18A-10. JUANITA JACKSON MITCHELL LAW OFFICES.

JUANITA JACKSON MITCHELL LAW OFFICES, 1239 DRUID HILL AVENUE (BLOCK 0416,
LOT 0116).

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
after the date it is enacted.