

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 12-0041R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Baltimore Development Corporation)
Introduced and read first time: April 16, 2012
Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Baltimore Development Corporation

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Approving the Submission of an Application to the State of Maryland**
3 **for the Renewal of Baltimore City's Modified Consolidated Enterprise Zone and**
4 **its Focus Areas**

5 FOR the purpose of approving the submission of an application to the State of Maryland to renew
6 Baltimore City's modified Consolidated Enterprise Zone and its Focus Areas.

7 **WHEREAS**, The General Assembly of the State of Maryland established an Enterprise Zone
8 Program to focus State and local resources on the encouragement of economic growth in
9 economically distressed areas and employment opportunities for the unemployed; and

10 **WHEREAS**, It is now time for renewal of Baltimore City's Consolidated Enterprise Zone, and
11 the State has requested, for renewal purposes, that the overall size of the zone be reduced to
12 minimize the residential areas currently included, yet capture as much commercially zoned
13 properties throughout the entire city; and

14 **WHEREAS**, The City of Baltimore and representatives of the Baltimore Development
15 Corporation (BDC) have been working towards this end; and

16 **WHEREAS**, The City of Baltimore, through the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC),
17 used data from the 2006-2010 Community Survey from the U.S. Census to determine the census
18 tracts that met the eligibility criteria for the Enterprise Zone and Focus Areas; and

19 **WHEREAS**, The City Council recognizes that there is a significant need to stimulate the
20 creation of jobs by including the Saint Agnes area, the Gwynns Falls area, the Franklinton Road
21 area, commercial businesses on North Avenue west of Coppin State University, downtown
22 businesses between Lombard and Pratt Streets, the Focus Area around Old Town, the
23 Reisterstown Station area, and the Belair-Edison area in Baltimore City's Consolidated
24 Enterprise Zone; and

25 **WHEREAS**, The City Council recognizes that the Enterprise Zone no longer needs to include
26 residential areas with no commercial zoning, parks, and environmentally protected/wooded areas,
27 in Baltimore City's Consolidated Enterprise Zone; and

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **WHEREAS**, The City of Baltimore, through the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC),
2 has prepared an application for the renewal of the modified Baltimore City's Enterprise Zone to
3 reflect the inclusion of certain aforementioned areas and the removal of certain aforementioned
4 areas; and

5 **WHEREAS**, The regulations of the Enterprise Zone Program require the written expression of
6 the sentiment of the Baltimore City Council.

7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
8 Council of Baltimore:

- 9 1. Hereby endorses this April 2012 application of the City for the renewal of the
10 modified Consolidated Enterprise Zone and Focus Areas.
- 11 2. Resolves that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Department of
12 Business and Economic Development, State of Maryland, Honorable Mayor of the
13 City of Baltimore, and President of the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC).