

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE **22-183**
Council Bill 22-0280

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: Department of Housing and Community Development
Introduced and read first time: September 19, 2022
Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee
Committee Report: Favorable, with amendments
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: December 8, 2022

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Urban Renewal – Johnston Square –
Amendment 13

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3 FOR the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square to reauthorize the
4 acquisition of properties within the Project Area, to extend the life of the Plan, and to remove
5 certain properties from the list in Appendices A and B; waiving certain content and
6 procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for
7 the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing
8 for a special effective date.

9 BY authority of
10 Article 13 - Housing and Urban Renewal
11 Section 2-6
12 Baltimore City Code
13 (Edition 2000)

14 **Recitals**

15 The Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square was originally approved by the Mayor and City
16 Council of Baltimore by Ordinance 77-357 and last amended by ~~Ordinance 14-295~~
17 Ordinance 18-188.

18 An amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square is necessary to reauthorize
19 the Plan's powers of acquisition and condemnation so that these actions may legally continue, in
20 compliance with § 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to
21 extend the life of the Plan, and to remove certain properties from the lists in Appendices A
22 and B.

23 Under Article 13, § 2-6 of the Baltimore City Code, no change may be made in any approved
24 renewal plan unless the change is approved in the same manner as that required for the approval
25 of a renewal plan.

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 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
2 following changes in the Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square are approved:

3 (1) In the Plan, amend C.1.c. to read as follows:

4 **C. TECHNIQUES USED TO ACHIEVE PLAN OBJECTIVES**

5 1. Acquisition

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7 c. The authority to acquire the Properties within the Project Area is expressly
8 confirmed and reauthorized through and including [December 31, 2022]
9 DECEMBER 31, 2026.

10 (2) In the Plan, amend D. To read as follows:

11 **D. Duration of Provisions and Requirements**

12 The Johnston Square Urban Renewal Plan, as amended from time to time, is in
13 full force and effect through and including [December 31, 2018] DECEMBER 31,
14 2026.

15 (3) In the Plan, in Appendix A, delete the following from the list of properties:

16 702 E. Biddle Street
17 704 E. Biddle Street
18 706 E. Biddle Street
19 709 E. Biddle Street
20 710 E. Biddle Street
21 714 E. Biddle Street
22 716 E. Biddle Street
23 718 E. Biddle Street
24 720 E. Biddle Street
25 722 E. Biddle Street

26 902 E. Biddle Street
27 904 E. Biddle Street
28 906 E. Biddle Street
29 924 E. Biddle Street
30 938 E. Biddle Street

31 1323 E. Biddle Street
32 1325 E. Biddle Street

33 700 E. Chase Street
34 707 E. Chase Street
35 713 E. Chase Street
36 715 E. Chase Street
37 717 E. Chase Street

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1 719 E. Chase Street
2 725 E. Chase Street

3 803 E. Chase Street
4 815 E. Chase Street
5 817 E. Chase Street
6 819 E. Chase Street

7 1306 E. Eager Street
8 1308 E. Eager Street

9 1022 N. Eden Street
10 1024 N. Eden Street

11 1114 N. Eden Street

12 1316 Greenmount Avenue

13 1124 Homewood Avenue

14 1216 Homewood Avenue

15 725 E. Preston Street
16 743 E. Preston Street
17 745 E. Preston Street
18 751 E. Preston Street

19 911 E. Preston Street

20 (4) In the Plan, in Appendix B, delete the following from the list of properties:

21 13. 1024 North Eden Street

22 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston
23 Square, as amended by this Ordinance and identified as “Urban Renewal Plan, Johnston Square,
24 revised to include Amendment 13, dated September 19, 2022”, is approved. The Department of
25 Planning shall file a copy of the amended Urban Renewal Plan with the Department of
26 Legislative Reference as a permanent public record, available for public inspection and
27 information.

28 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That if the amended Urban Renewal Plan
29 approved by this Ordinance in any way fails to meet the statutory requirements for the content of
30 a renewal plan or for the procedures for the preparation, adoption, and approval of a renewal
31 plan, those requirements are waived and the amended Urban Renewal Plan approved by this
32 Ordinance is exempted from them.

33 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That if any provision of this Ordinance or the
34 application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, the
35 invalidity does not affect any other provision or any other application of this Ordinance, and for
36 this purpose the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

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1 **SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That if a provision of this Ordinance concerns
2 the same subject as a provision of any zoning, building, electrical, plumbing, health, fire, or
3 safety law or regulation, the applicable provisions shall be construed to give effect to each.
4 However, if the provisions are found to be in irreconcilable conflict, the one that establishes the
5 higher standard for the protection of the public health and safety prevails. If a provision of this
6 Ordinance is found to be in conflict with an existing provision of any other law or regulation that
7 establishes a lower standard for the protection of the public health and safety, the provision of
8 this Ordinance prevails and the other conflicting provision is repealed to the extent of the
9 conflict.

10 **SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
11 enacted.

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Certified as duly passed this 8 day of December, 2022



President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 8 day of December, 2022



Chief Clerk

Approved this 22nd day of December, 2022



Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency
This 22nd Day of December, 2022.

Elena R DiPietro

Chief Solicitor