

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 09-0327**

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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  
Committee Report: Favorable  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: September 21, 2009

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

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

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

5 BY authority of  
6 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement  
7 Section 20-2  
8 Baltimore City Code  
9 (Edition 2000)

**10 Recitals**

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

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

**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 Horticultural Society of Maryland, and the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland.  
2 This grouping of organizations will create a hub for all facets of gardening and  
3 horticultural education, and through workshops, demonstrations, and lectures,  
4 Baltimore will have a center for horticulture that did not before exist.

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

8 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
9 Visitors' Orientation and Education Center of the Cylburn Arboretum Association, located at  
10 4915 Greenspring Avenue, is named the Vollmer Center.

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

Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City