



**Council Bill 24-0518**

1 As of August 2020, due to the continuing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of  
2 Maryland was operating under a State of Emergency. The State of Emergency was originally  
3 declared by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. on March 5, 2020, ending July 1, 2021. Under the  
4 State of Emergency, Governor Hogan issued an Executive Order on March 12, 2020, as  
5 continued and amended from time to time, “Ordering Extending Certain Licenses, Permits,  
6 Registrations, and Other Government Authorizations, and Authorizing Suspension of Legal Time  
7 Requirements”. Under the authority of this Executive Order the periodic review of the District  
8 and Authority was then considered postponed until after the end of the State of Emergency, and  
9 at such a time when the Mayor and City Council were able to properly conduct the required  
10 review.

11 The first review, renewal, and continuance of the District and the Authority was not  
12 completed until Ordinance 22-127 was enacted and made effective as of April 4, 2022.

13 Now, in keeping with the original intent of the enabling legislation, the Mayor and City  
14 Council now seek to review, renew, and continue the District and Authority before the  
15 termination of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-year term ending on August 29, 2024.

16 For the purposes of determining whether to again renew and continue the District and the  
17 Authority, the City Council has held a hearing, as required by Article 14, § 19-16.

18 The Mayor and City Council have undertaken the requisite quadrennial review for a proposed  
19 4-year renewal period. Based on their review of the activities and undertakings of the District and  
20 Authority, the Mayor and City Council find that the renewal and continuation of the District and  
21 the Authority are in the best interest of the citizens of Baltimore.

22 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That,  
23 beginning at its second meeting in April 2024, the Mayor and City Council shall review and  
24 determine the desirability of continuing the District and the Authority.

25 **SECTION 2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That, if  
26 the Mayor and City Council find that it is desirable for the District and Authority to continue, the  
27 District and the Authority shall be renewed and continued for an additional 4 years, backdating  
28 from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028.

29 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution of the Mayor and City  
30 Council takes effect on the date it is enacted.

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Certified as duly passed this 26 day of August 2024



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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 26 day of August 2024



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Chief Clerk

Approved this 29th day of August, 2024



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Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency  
This 28th Day of August, 2024.

*Elena R. DiPietro*

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Chief Solicitor