

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 20-0524
(First Reader)

Introduced by: The Council President, Councilmember Cohen
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Transportation)
Introduced and read first time: April 27, 2020
Assigned to: Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Planning, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Transportation, Baltimore Development Corporation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Streets – Closing – 10-Foot Alley Bounded by Harford Road,**
3 **Normal Avenue, and Cliftview Avenue**

4 FOR the purpose of condemning and closing a 10-foot alley bounded by Harford Road, Normal
5 Avenue, and Cliftview Avenue, as shown on Plat 161-A-65A in the Office of the Department
6 of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

7 BY authority of

8 Article I - General Provisions
9 Section 4

10 and

11 Article II - General Powers
12 Sections 2, 34, 35
13 Baltimore City Charter
14 (1996 Edition)

15 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
16 Department of Transportation shall proceed to condemn and close a 10-foot alley bounded by
17 Harford Road, Normal Avenue, and Cliftview Avenue, and more particularly described as
18 follows:

19 Beginning for Parcel No. 1 at the point formed by the intersection of the south
20 side of Normal Avenue 50 feet wide and the west side of a 10-foot alley, the point
21 of beginning being distant Southeasterly 86.5 feet, more or less, measured along
22 the south side of Normal Avenue from the east side Harford Road 80 feet wide;
23 thence binding on the south side of Normal Avenue Southeasterly 10.4 feet, more
24 or less, to the east side of the 10-foot alley; thence binding on the east side of the
25 10-foot alley Southwesterly 78.4 feet, more or less, to the intersection of the north
26 side of another 10-foot alley; thence crossing the 10-foot alley Northeasterly 10.0
27 feet, more or less, to the west side of the 10-foot alley and thence binding on the
28 west side of the 10-foot alley Northeasterly 75.4 feet, more or less, to the place of
29 beginning.

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

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1 Containing 769.1 square feet or 0.02 acres, more or less.

2 As delineated on Plat 161-A-65A, prepared by the Survey Section and filed on November 12,
3 2019, in the Office of the Department of Transportation.

4 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the proceedings for the condemnation and
5 closing of the 10-foot alley and the rights of all interested parties shall be regulated by and in
6 accordance with all applicable provisions of state and local law and with all applicable rules and
7 regulations adopted by the Director of the Department of Transportation and filed with the
8 Department of Legislative Reference.

9 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That after the closing under this Ordinance, all
10 subsurface structures and appurtenances now owned by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore
11 continue to be the property of the Mayor and City Council, in fee simple, until their use has been
12 abandoned by the Mayor and City Council. If any person wants to remove, alter, or interfere with
13 them, that person must first obtain permission from the Mayor and City Council and, in the
14 application for this permission, must agree to pay all costs and expenses, of every kind, arising
15 out of the removal, alteration, or interference.

16 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That no building or structure of any kind
17 (including but not limited to railroad tracks) may be constructed or erected in or on any part of
18 the street closed under this Ordinance until all subsurface structures and appurtenances owned by
19 the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore have been abandoned by the Mayor and City Council
20 or, at the expense of the person seeking to erect the building or structure, have been removed and
21 relaid in accordance with the specifications and under the direction of the Director of the
22 Department of Transportation of Baltimore City.

23 **SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That after the closing under this Ordinance, all
24 subsurface structures and appurtenances owned by any person other than the Mayor and City
25 Council of Baltimore shall be removed by and at the expense of their owners, promptly upon
26 notice to do so from the Director of Public Works.

27 **SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That at all times after the closing under this
28 Ordinance, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, acting by or through its authorized
29 representatives, shall have access to the subject property and to all subsurface structures and
30 appurtenances used by the Mayor and City Council, for the purpose of inspecting, maintaining,
31 repairing, altering, relocating, or replacing any of them, without need to obtain permission from
32 or pay compensation to the owner of the property.

33 **SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
34 enacted.