

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 17-0146  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Transportation)  
Introduced and read first time: October 16, 2017  
Assigned to: Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

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

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Streets – Closing –**  
3 **8-Foot Alley Extending from the East Side of North Schroeder Street**

4 FOR the purpose of condemning and closing an 8-foot alley, extending easterly 76.5 feet, more or  
5 less, from the east side of North Schroeder Street to the east side of a 4-foot alley, as shown  
6 on Plat 329-A-24A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a  
7 special effective date.

8 BY authority of  
9 Article I - General Provisions  
10 Section 4  
11 and  
12 Article II - General Powers  
13 Sections 2, 34, 35  
14 Baltimore City Charter  
15 (1996 Edition)

16 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
17 Department of Transportation shall proceed to condemn and close an 8-foot alley extending  
18 easterly 76.5 feet, more or less, from the east side of North Schroeder Street to the east side of a  
19 4-foot alley, and more particularly described as follows:

20 Beginning for Parcel No. 1 at the point formed by the intersection of the east side  
21 of North Schroeder Street 66 feet wide, and the north side of an 8-foot alley, the  
22 point of beginning being distant Southerly 70.5 feet measured along the east side  
23 of North Schroeder Street from the south side of West Fairmount Avenue varying  
24 in width; running thence leaving the east side of North Schroeder Street and  
25 binding on the north side of the 8-foot alley Easterly 76.5 feet, more or less, to  
26 intersect the east side of a 4-foot alley; thence binding on the east side of the 4-  
27 foot alley Southerly 8 feet, more or less, to the south side of the 8-foot alley;  
28 thence binding on the south side of the 8-foot alley Westerly 76.5 feet, more or  
29 less, to intersect the east side of North Schroeder Street; and thence binding on the

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

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1 east side of North Schroeder Street Northerly 8 feet, more or less, to the place of  
2 beginning.

3 Containing 612 square feet or 0.014 acres, more or less.

4 As delineated on Plat 329-A-24A, prepared by the Survey Section and filed on July 12, 2017, in  
5 the Office of the Department of Transportation.

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

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

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

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

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

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