

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE
Council Bill 25-0039

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Transportation)
Introduced and read first time: March 10, 2025
Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee
Committee Report: Favorable, with Amendments
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: May 11, 2026

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

**City Streets – Closing – A 16 Foot Alley and a Portion of a 10 Foot Alley
Alley, a 10 Foot Alley, and a 5 Foot Alley**

FOR the purpose of condemning and closing a 16 foot ~~alley and a portion of a 10 foot alley~~ alley, a 10 foot alley, and a 5 foot alley bounded by Presstman Street, Brunt Street, Robert Street, and Pennsylvania Avenue, as shown on a plat numbered 312-A-11A, prepared by the Survey Section and filed in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

BY authority of
Article I - General Provisions
Section 4
and
Article II - General Powers
Sections 2, 34, 35
Baltimore City Charter
(1996 Edition)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE. That the Department of Transportation shall proceed to condemn and close a 16 foot ~~alley and a portion of a 10 foot alley~~ alley, a 10 foot alley, and a 5 foot alley bounded by Presstman Street, Brunt Street, Robert Street, and Pennsylvania Avenue, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning for Parcel 1 at the point formed by the intersection of the southwest side of Brunt Street 35 feet wide, and the northwest side of a 16 foot alley, said point of beginning being Southeasterly 170 feet, more or less, measured along the southwest side of said Brunt Street from the southeast side of Presstman Street 66 feet wide; thence binding on the southwest side of said Brunt Street Southeasterly 16 feet to the southwest side of said 16 foot alley; thence binding on the southwest side of said 16 foot alley Southwesterly 60 feet more or less, to the intersection of the northeast side of a 10 foot alley; thence binding on the northeast side of said 10 foot alley Northwesterly 16 feet to the northwest side of said 16 foot alley;

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.

RULE 12-2 ♣ THIRD READER PREPARED AND REVIEWED DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

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1 thence binding on the northwest side of said 16 foot alley Northeasterly 60 feet, more or
2 less, to the place of beginning.

3 Containing 960 square feet or 0.022 acres, more or less.

4 ~~Beginning for Parcel 2 at the point formed by the intersection of the southeast side of~~
5 ~~a 5 foot alley and the southwest side of a 10 foot alley, said point of beginning being~~
6 ~~Southeasterly 75 feet, more or less, measured along the southwest side of said 10 foot~~
7 ~~alley from the southeast side of Presstman Street 66 feet wide; thence leaving the~~
8 ~~southwest side of said 10 foot alley Northeasterly 10 feet to the northeast side of said 10~~
9 ~~foot alley; thence binding on the northeast side of said 10 foot alley Southwesterly 111,~~
10 ~~feet more or less, to intersect the southeast side of said 10 foot alley; thence binding on~~
11 ~~the southeast side of said 10 foot alley Southwesterly 10 feet to the southwest side of said~~
12 ~~10 foot alley; thence binding on the southwest side of said 10 foot alley Northwesterly~~
13 ~~111, feet more or less, to the place of beginning.~~

14 ~~Containing 1,110 square feet or 0.026 acres, more or less.~~

15 ~~As delineated on a plat numbered 312-A-11A prepared by the Survey Control Section and filed~~
16 ~~on January 12, 2024 in the Office of the Department of Transportation.~~

17 Beginning for Parcel 2 at the point formed by the intersection of the southeast side of
18 Presstman Street 66 feet wide and the southwest side of a 10 foot alley, said point of
19 beginning being Northeasterly 85 feet more or less, measured along the southeast side of
20 Presstman Street from the northeast side of Pennsylvania Avenuc 66 feet wide; thence
21 binding on the southeast side of said Presstman Street Northeasterly 10 feet to the
22 northeast side of said 10 foot alley; thence binding on the northeast side of said 10 foot
23 alley Southeasterly 186 feet more or less, to intersect the southeast side of a 16 foot alley;
24 thence binding on the southeast side of said 16 foot alley Southwesterly 10 feet to the
25 southwest side of said 10 foot alley; thence binding on the southwest side of said 10 foot
26 alley Northwesterly 186 feet more or less, to the place of beginning.

27 Containing 1,860 square feet or 0.043 acres, more or less.

28 Beginning for Parcel 3 at the point formed by the intersection of the southwest
29 side of Brunt Street 35 feet wide, and the northwest side of a 5 foot alley, said point of
30 beginning being Southeasterly 70 feet more or less, measured along the southwest
31 side of said Brunt Street from the southeast side of Presstman Street 66 feet wide;
32 thence binding on the southwest side of said Brunt Street Southeasterly 5 feet to the
33 southwest side of said 5 foot alley; thence binding on the southwest side of said 5 foot
34 alley Southwesterly 60 feet more or less, to the northeast side of a 10 foot alley;
35 thence binding on the northeast side of said 10 foot alley Northwesterly 5 feet to the
36 northwest side of said 5 foot alley; thence binding on the northwest side of said 5 foot
37 alley Northeasterly 60 feet more or less, to the place of beginning.

38 Containing 300 square feet or 0.007 acres, more or less.

39 As delineated on a plat numbered 312-A-11A prepared by the Survey Section and filed on
40 September 25, 2025 in the Office of the Department of Transportation.

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1 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the proceedings for the condemnation and
2 closing of a 16 foot ~~alley and a portion of a 10 foot alley~~ alley, a 10 foot alley, and a 5 foot alley
3 and the rights of all interested parties shall be regulated by and in accordance with all applicable
4 provisions of state and local law and with all applicable rules and regulations.

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

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

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

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

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

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Certified as duly passed this 8th day of June, 2026



President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 9th day of June, 2026



Chief Clerk

Approved this 16 day of Jun, 2026



Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency.

this 11th day of June, 2026



Chief Solicitor