

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 11-0726  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of General Services)  
Introduced and read first time: July 18, 2011  
Assigned to: Highways and Franchises Subcommittee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of General Services, Department of Transportation, Baltimore Development Corporation

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Streets – Closing – Certain Alleys Bounded by Barclay Street,**  
3 **24<sup>th</sup> Street, Greenmount Avenue, and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street**

4 FOR the purpose of condemning and closing certain alleys bounded by Barclay Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Street,  
5 Greenmount Avenue, and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, as shown on Plat 336-A-33A in the Office of the  
6 Department of General Services; 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 General Services shall proceed to condemn and close certain alleys bounded by  
17 Barclay Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Greenmount Avenue, and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, and more particularly described  
18 as follows:

19 Beginning for Parcel No. 1 at the point formed by the intersection of the south  
20 side of a 25-foot alley laid out in the rear of the properties known as Nos. 2311  
21 through 2321 Barclay Street, and the east side of a 10-foot alley laid out in the  
22 rear of the properties known as Nos. 2301 through 2309 Barclay Street, said point  
23 of beginning being distant, Northerly 72.0 feet, more or less, measured along the  
24 east side of said 10-foot alley from the north side of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, 66 feet wide, and  
25 running thence by a straight line, Northerly 69.8 feet, more or less, to intersect the  
26 north side of said 25-foot alley; thence binding on the north side of said 25-foot  
27 alley, Easterly 15.0 feet to intersect the east side of said 25-foot alley; thence  
28 binding on the east side of said 25-foot alley, Southerly 68.6 feet, more or less, to

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

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1 intersect the south side of said 25-foot alley, and thence binding on the south side  
2 of said 25-foot alley, Westerly 15.0 feet to the place of beginning.

3 Beginning for Parcel No. 2 at the point formed by the intersection of the west side  
4 of a 10-foot alley laid out contiguous to the east outline of the property known as  
5 No. 410/418 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, and the south side of a 10-foot alley laid out in the rear  
6 of the properties known as Nos. 406 and 410/418 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, said point of  
7 beginning being distant Northerly 102.5 feet, more or less, measured along the  
8 west side of said 10-foot alley, mentioned firstly herein, and running thence  
9 binding on the south side of said 10-foot alley, mentioned secondly herein,  
10 Westerly 95.0 feet, more or less, to the westernmost extremity of said 10-foot  
11 alley, mentioned secondly herein, there situate; thence binding on the  
12 westernmost extremity of said 10-foot alley, mentioned secondly herein,  
13 Northerly 10.0 feet to intersect the north side of said 10-foot alley, mentioned  
14 secondly herein; thence binding on the north side of said 10-foot alley, mentioned  
15 secondly herein, Easterly 95.0 feet, more or less, to the easternmost extremity of  
16 said 10-foot alley, mentioned secondly herein, there situate, and thence binding  
17 on the easternmost extremity of said 10-foot alley, mentioned secondly herein,  
18 Southerly 10.0 feet to the place of beginning.

19 Beginning for Parcel No. 3 at the point formed by the intersection of the east side  
20 of a 25-foot alley laid out in the rear of the properties known as Nos. 2311  
21 through 2321 Barclay Street and the north side of a varying in width alley laid out  
22 in the rear of the properties known as Nos. 403 through 407 E. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, said  
23 point of beginning being distant, Southerly 72.2 feet, more or less, measured  
24 along the east side of a 10-foot alley laid out in the rear of the properties known  
25 as Nos. 2321 through 2331 Barclay Street, and thence Easterly 15.0 feet measured  
26 along the north side of said 25-foot alley to the said place of beginning, and  
27 running thence binding on the north side of said varying in width alley, Easterly  
28 38.0 feet, more or less, to the easternmost extremity of said varying in width  
29 alley, there situate; thence binding on the easternmost extremity of said varying in  
30 width alley, Southerly 5.1 feet to intersect the south side of said varying in width  
31 alley; thence binding on the south side of said varying in width alley, Westerly  
32 37.8 feet, more or less, to intersect the east side of said 25-foot alley, and thence  
33 binding on the east side of said 25-foot alley Northerly 8.1 feet to the place of  
34 beginning.

35 Beginning for Parcel No. 4 at the point formed by the intersection of the south  
36 side of a 10-foot alley laid out in the rear of the properties known as Nos. 406 and  
37 410/418 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and the east side of a 5-foot alley laid out in the rear of the  
38 properties known as Lot 51 and Lot 52 of Block 3824 as referred to among the  
39 Real Property Records of Baltimore City, said point of beginning being distant,  
40 Northerly 102.5 feet, more or less, measured along the west side of a 10-foot alley  
41 laid out contiguous to the east outline of the property known as No. 410/418 E.  
42 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, and thence Westerly 95.0 feet, more or less, measured along the south  
43 side of said 10-foot alley, mentioned firstly herein, to the said place of beginning,  
44 and running thence binding on the south side of said 5-foot alley, mentioned  
45 secondly herein, Westerly 5.0 feet to intersect the west side of said 5-foot alley;  
46 thence binding on the west side of said 5-foot alley, Northerly 22.5 feet, more or  
47 less, to intersect the south side of a varying in width alley laid out in the rear of  
48 the properties known as Nos. 403 through 413 E. 24<sup>th</sup> Street; thence binding on

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1 the south side of said varying in width alley, Easterly 5.0 feet to intersect the east  
2 side of said 5-foot alley, and thence binding on the east side of said 5-foot alley,  
3 Southerly 22.9 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

4 Beginning for Parcel No. 5 at the point formed by the intersection of the south  
5 side of a 5-foot alley laid out contiguous to the south outline of the property  
6 known as Lot 50 of Block 3824 as referred to among the Real Property Records  
7 of Baltimore City and the east side of a 25-foot alley laid out in the rear of the  
8 properties known as Nos. 2311 through 2321 Barclay Street, said point of  
9 beginning being distant, Northerly 72.0 feet, more or less, measured along the  
10 east side of a 10-foot alley laid out in the rear of the properties known as Nos.  
11 2301 through 2309 Barclay Street, and thence Easterly 15.0 feet, more or less,  
12 measured along the south side of said 25-foot alley to the said place of beginning,  
13 and running thence binding on the east side of said 25-foot alley, Northerly 5.0  
14 feet to intersect the north side of said 5-foot alley; thence binding on the north  
15 side of said 5-foot alley, Easterly 11.3 feet, more or less, to the easternmost  
16 extremity of said 5-foot alley, there situate; thence binding on the easternmost  
17 extremity of said 5-foot alley, Southerly 5.0 feet to intersect the south side of said  
18 5-foot alley, and thence binding on the south side of said 5-foot alley, Westerly  
19 11.3 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

20 As delineated on Plat 336-A-33A, prepared by the Survey Control Section and filed on May 26,  
21 2011, in the Office of the Department of General Services.

22 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the proceedings for the condemnation and  
23 closing of certain alleys and the rights of all interested parties shall be regulated by and in  
24 accordance with all applicable provisions of state and local law and with all applicable rules and  
25 regulations adopted by the Director of General Services and filed with the Department of  
26 Legislative Reference.

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

34 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That no building or structure of any kind  
35 (including but not limited to railroad tracks) may be constructed or erected in or on any part of  
36 the street closed under this Ordinance until all subsurface structures and appurtenances owned by  
37 the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore have been abandoned by the Mayor and City Council  
38 or, at the expense of the person seeking to erect the building or structure, have been removed and  
39 relaid in accordance with the specifications and under the direction of the Director of General  
40 Services of Baltimore City.

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

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

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