

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 26-0048R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: President Cohen  
At the request of: The Administration (Baltimore Development Corporation)  
Introduced and adopted: February 23, 2026

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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**1            Approving the Submission of an Application to the State of Maryland for the  
2            Redesignation of Baltimore City’s Modified Consolidated  
3            Enterprise Zone and its Focus Areas**

4            FOR the purpose of approving the submission of an application to the State of Maryland to  
5            redesignate Baltimore City’s modified Consolidated Enterprise Zone and its Focus Areas.

**6            Recitals**

7            **WHEREAS**, The General Assembly of the State of Maryland established an Enterprise Zone  
8            Program to focus State and local resources on the encouragement of economic growth in  
9            economically distressed areas and employment opportunities for the unemployed.

10           **WHEREAS**, the current Consolidated Enterprise Zone and Focus Areas expire in June 2032  
11           and the City of Baltimore wishes to redesignate the Enterprise Zone and Focus Areas.

12           **WHEREAS**, the City of Baltimore and representatives of the Baltimore Development  
13           Corporation (“BDC”) have been working towards this end.

14           **WHEREAS**, the City of Baltimore, through the BDC, used data from the 2019 and 2023  
15           American Community Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau to determine the census tracts that  
16           met the eligibility criteria for the Enterprise Zone and Focus Areas.

17           **WHEREAS**, all census tracts that had previously been included in Baltimore City’s 2022  
18           Consolidated Enterprise Zone continue to qualify under the criteria set forth by the State of  
19           Maryland, only parcels that met all criteria will be added to the Enterprise Zone and Focus Areas.

20           **WHEREAS**, the Baltimore City Council recognizes that there is a significant need to stimulate  
21           the creation of jobs by including the Downtown, Port Covington, Highlandtown, Greektown,  
22           Edmondson Square, Reisterstown Road, Falls Road, Greenmount Avenue, York Road Corridor,  
23           Harford Corridor, Belair Road, Fayette Street, North Washington Street, Sinclair Lane, Frankford  
24           Avenue, Fairfield Area, Poppleton, Reisterstown Plaza/Seton Business Park, Upton, and  
25           Westport in Baltimore City’s Consolidated Enterprise Zone.

26           **WHEREAS**, The City of Baltimore, through the BDC, has prepared an application for the  
27           redesignation of the modified Baltimore City Enterprise Zone and Focus Areas to reflect the  
28           inclusion of certain parcels within qualified census tracts.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1       **WHEREAS**, The regulations of the Enterprise Zone Program require the written expression of  
2 the sentiment of the Baltimore City Council.

3       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City  
4 Council of Baltimore endorses the 2026 application of the City for the redesignation of the  
5 modified Consolidated Enterprise Zone and Focus Areas.

6       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
7 President of the Baltimore City Council, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of  
8 Commerce, the President of the Baltimore Development Corporation, and the Mayor's  
9 Legislative Liaison to the City Council.