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On behalf of the Citizens of Baltimore City, the Land Use & Transportation Committee is committed to shaping a reliable, equitable, and sustainable future for Baltimore's land use and transportation systems. Through operational oversight and legislative action, the committee aims to develop and support lasting solutions grounded in principles of good governance.

The Honorable Ryan Dorsey

CHAIR

PUBLIC HEARING

7/2/2026

9:00am

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26-0175

Street Names – Authority to Change Suffix

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**LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE****The Honorable Ryan Dorsey
CHAIR****Bill Hearing***26-0175**Street Names – Authority to Change Suffix*

Sponsor: Council Member Zac Blanchard District 11

Purpose: FOR the purpose of granting to the City Council the authority to change the suffix of a street name.

REPORTING AGENCIES

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Report</u>
Department of Planning	Favorable
Department of Transportation	Favorable
Law Department	Approved for form & legal sufficiency

BACKGROUND

This bill if enacted would amend article 26 of the city code and allow for the suffix of a street to be renamed if appropriate to better describe the street, road, throughfare, etc...

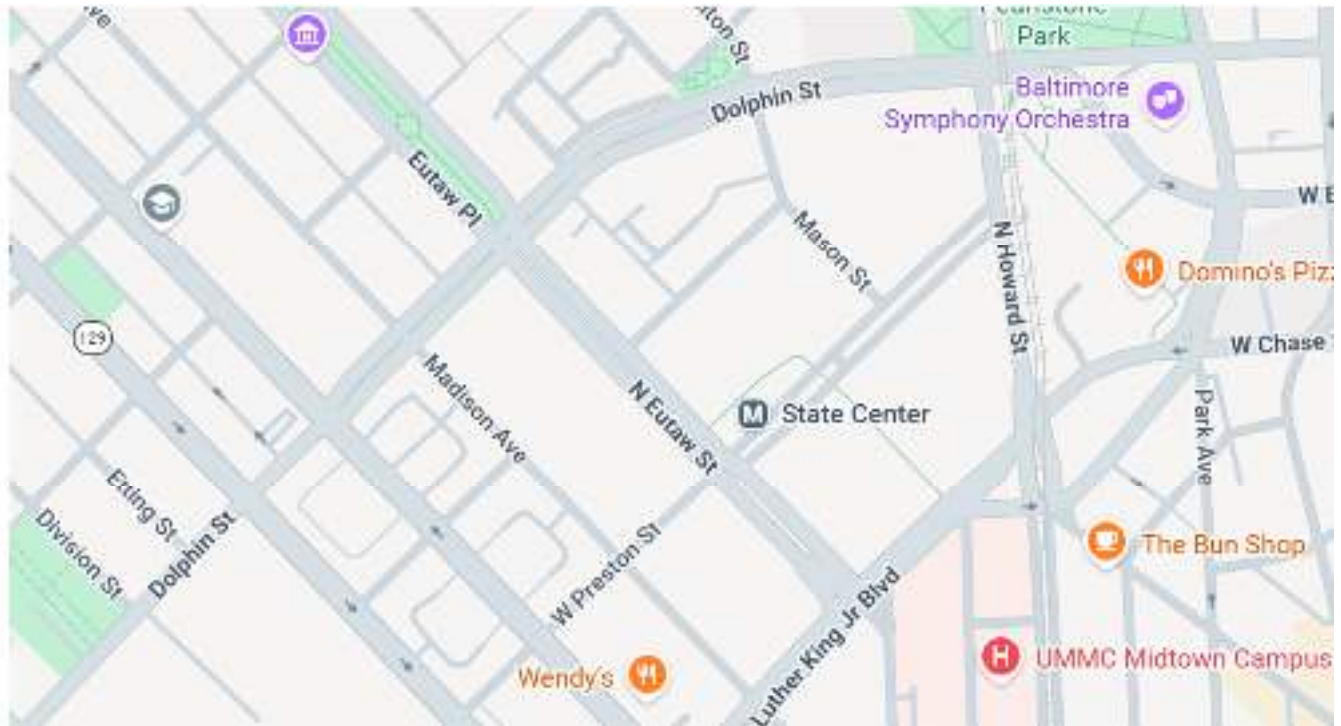
Presently Article 26 describes the guidelines for street names as:

- (1) the name may not be the same as the name of an existing street, avenue, or thoroughfare;
- (2) the name may not be the name of a living person or person
- (3) the name may not be the name of an existing or proposed business or of an existing or proposed product of a business;
- (4) the name shall be given to the entire length of the street, avenue,

The amendment to this list would allow for certain blocks or sections of the throughfare to be described as something else if more appropriate.

For example, sections of Fayette Street which have multiple lanes of traffic in some areas may be more appropriately called Fayette highway or parkway vs street.

In their report the Department of Transportation (DOT) notes that this bill is in response to changes happening at the State Center on Eutaw Street between Dolphin Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard where underused buildings are being closed and potentially demolished with the goal being to rename a portion of the road to Eutaw Place. As you can see from the map below the portion of the road by the State Center is noted as place – the rest of the road up to Druid Lake Park is noted as Place.



FISCAL NOTE

There are no anticipated fiscal impacts associated with this legislation.

Analysis by: Tony Leva
Analysis Date: 6/29/2026

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**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 26-0175
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Blanchard

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Middleton, Jones, and Ramos

Introduced and read first time: April 27, 2026

Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Transportation,
Department of Planning

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Street Names – Authority to Change Suffix

FOR the purpose of granting to the City Council the authority to change the suffix of a street name.

BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments,

Article 26 - Surveys, Streets, and Highways

Section 7-3(c)

Baltimore City Code

(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Code

Article 26. Surveys, Streets, and Highways

Subtitle 7. Street Names

§ 7-3. Procedure for naming or renaming.

(c) Guidelines.

In naming or changing the name of any street, avenue, or other thoroughfare, the following guidelines shall be observed:

(1) the name may not be the same as the name of an existing street, avenue, or thoroughfare;

(2) the name may not be the name of a living person or persons;

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

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1 (3) the name may not be the name of an existing or proposed business or of an
2 existing or proposed product of a business; [and]

3 (4) the name shall be given to the entire length of the street, avenue, or
4 [thoroughfare.] THOROUGHFARE; AND

5 (5) THE STREET SUFFIX MAY BE CHANGED FOR A GIVEN BLOCK OR SET OF BLOCKS TO
6 BETTER DESCRIBE THE CHARACTER OF THE STREET, AVENUE, OR THOROUGHFARE.

7 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
8 after the date it is enacted.

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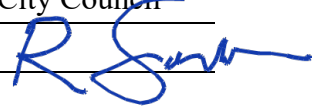
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Agency Reports



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Ren Southard, Acting Director, Department of Planning 
CC	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
DATE	June 24, 2026
SUBJECT	City Council Bill #26-0175

Position: Favorable

SUMMARY OF POSITION

This bill would allow the change of a given thoroughfare's suffix as may be more appropriate or descriptive for the immediate vicinity. Planning defers to the Department of Transportation (DOT) as the more directly impacted agency concerning details on practical application, and any potential impacts to their work.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at eric.tiso@baltimorecity.gov or at 410-396-8358.



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Veronica P. McBeth, Director, Department of Transportation
CC	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
DATE	June 23, 2026
SUBJECT	26-0175 • Street Names – Authority to Change Suffix

Position: Favorable

BACKGROUND

Council Bill 26-0175 would allow the Baltimore City Council to propose and approve changes to the suffix of certain blocks of a roadway. As written, the legislation would require that suffixes are changed when it would better describe the character of the roadway. Article 26, § 7-3(c) sets forth guidelines for the renaming of roadways applicable to the Council and City agencies; it currently stipulates that any change to the name of a roadway shall be made “to the entire length” of said roadway.

Discussions with the Bill Sponsor have revealed that the legislation is necessary to approve the renaming of a segment of Eutaw Street between Dolphin Street and Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard to “Eutaw Place”. This change is proposed in light of the upcoming redevelopment of the State Center complex, which currently houses several underutilized State government facilities which are slated for closure and potentially demolition in the coming years.

Upon extensive review and consideration, the Department finds that the guidelines set forth in Article 26, § 7-3 (a) and (b) provide sufficient interagency oversight to ensure this expanded authority to change the suffix of individual blocks is used sparingly and appropriately. The Department will continue to work with the Council to identify and review when such changes may be warranted or appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department appreciates the Bill Sponsor’s effort to responsibly modify guidelines for the renaming of roadways. The proposed legislation does not in any way diminish the requirement that the Council makes renaming decisions upon receipt and review of written recommendations from the Departments of Planning and Transportation. For the reasons above, the Department requests a favorable report on Council Bill 26-0175.

CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON M. SCOTT
Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW
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June 29, 2026

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 26-0175 – Authority to Change Suffix

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 26-0175 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would grant the City Council the authority to change the suffix of a street name. The bill would take effect 30 days after its enactment.

The City Council has the authority to change the suffix of a street name under its broad police powers. The City Charter provides that the Mayor and City Council may “exercise within the limits of Baltimore City all the power commonly known as the Police Power to the same extent as the State has or could exercise that power within the limits of Baltimore City,” and may “pass any ordinance, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter or the laws of the State, which it may deem proper in the exercise of any of the powers, either express or implied, enumerated in this Charter, as well as any ordinance as it may deem proper in maintaining the peace, good government, health and welfare of Baltimore City.” City Charter, Art. II, §§ (27), (47). The name of a public street may only be changed by ordinance or resolution of the Mayor and City Council. Baltimore City Charter, Art. VII, § 116(f)(3).

As there are no legal issues with the bill, the Law Department can approve City Council Bill 26-0175 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "DLuckey", is positioned above the printed name.

Desiree Luckey
Assistant Solicitor

cc: Ebony Thompson, City Solicitor
Hilary Ruley, Chief Solicitor, General Counsel Division

Jeff Hochstetler, Chief Solicitor
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Michelle Toth, Assistant Solicitor