

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 20-0563
(Resolution)
(Charter Amendment)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Schleifer, Henry, Sneed, Dorsey

Introduced and read first time: July 20, 2020

Assigned to: Equity and Structure Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Real Estate, Comptroller, Mayor's Office, Department of Transportation

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – Disposition of City-Owned Real Property**

3 FOR the purpose of amending the City Charter to repeal the City's general authority to dispose of
4 City-owned real property at private sale; conforming and clarifying related provisions; and
5 submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

6 BY proposing to amend

7 Article V - Comptroller

8 Section(s) 5(b)

9 Baltimore City Charter

10 (1996 Edition)

11 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
12 City Charter is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

13 **Baltimore City Charter**

14 **Article V. Comptroller**

15 **§ 5. Department of Real Estate – Duties.**

16 The Department of Real Estate shall have the following responsibilities in all matters relating
17 to the acquisition, sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of real property of the City;
18 provided, however, that nothing in this section shall affect the exercise by the City by
19 ordinance of the powers granted to it in subsection (15) of Article II, or by the Mayor of the
20 powers provided by Section 4(c) of Article IV relating to economic development:

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22 (b) *Disposition of City property.*

23 (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE [The] Department
24 shall (unless and to the extent otherwise provided by the Board of Estimates) arrange

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

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1 for the disposition of any building, [or] parcel of land, [(]or any other real property[)]
2 no longer needed by the City for public use.

3 (2) Any [such] disposition OF REAL PROPERTY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION shall be:

4 (I) authorized by ordinance[.];

5 (II) [shall be] approved by the Board of Estimates with the approval entered in its
6 minutes[.]; and

7 (III) [shall be] made at public sale [unless a private sale or other manner of
8 disposition shall be expressly authorized by the Board of Estimates and
9 entered in its minutes].

10 (3) The instrument of conveyance of any building, [or] parcel of land, [(]or any other real
11 property[)] whose disposition has been [so] authorized and approved PURSUANT TO
12 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION shall be executed on behalf of the City by the
13 Comptroller or Deputy Comptroller and attested to by the Director of Finance or the
14 Deputy Director of Finance.

15 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this proposed amendment to the City
16 Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or rejection,
17 in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the
18 City Solicitor.