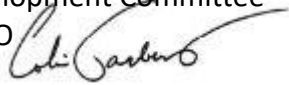


## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 14, 2022  
**TO:** Economic and Community Development Committee  
**FROM:** Colin Tarbert, President and CEO   
**POSITION:** No Objection  
**SUBJECT:** 22-0280: Urban Renewal – Johnston Square – Amendment

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### INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill 22-0280 introduced by Council President Mosby on September 19, 2022.

### PURPOSE

For the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the project area and extend the life of the plan. This will remove certain properties from the list, waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this ordinance severable and providing for a special effective date.

### BRIEF HISTORY

The Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square was originally approved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore by Ordinance 77-357 and last amended by Ordinance 14-295.

An amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square is necessary to reauthorize the Plan's powers of acquisition and condemnation so that these actions may legally continue in compliance with 12-105 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to extend the life of the plan and remove certain properties from the lists. Approval of this bill will allow the City to continue its redevelopment efforts in the neighborhood.

### FISCAL IMPACT (to BDC)

None.

### AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation has **no objection** to the passage of City Council Bill 22-0280.

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