

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 23-0388  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Dorsey  
Introduced and read first time: May 15, 2023  
Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Department of Public Works

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Urban Renewal – Lauraville Business District –**  
3 **Amendment 1**

4 FOR the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for the Lauraville Business District to  
5 extend the life of the Plan; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the  
6 provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in  
7 conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

8 BY authority of  
9 Article 13 - Housing and Urban Renewal  
10 Section 2-6  
11 Baltimore City Code  
12 (Edition 2000)

13 **Recitals**

14 The Urban Renewal Plan for the Lauraville Business District was originally approved by the  
15 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore by Ordinance 03-612 with no subsequent amendment.

16 An amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan for the Lauraville Business District is necessary to  
17 extend the life of the Plan.

18 Under Article 13, § 2-6 of the Baltimore City Code, no change may be made in any approved  
19 renewal plan unless the change is approved in the same manner as that required for the approval  
20 of a renewal plan.

21 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
22 following changes in the Urban Renewal Plan for the Lauraville Business District are approved:

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

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1 (1) In the Plan, amend K. to read as follows:

2 K. Duration of Provisions and Requirements

3 THE LAURAVILLE BUSINESS DISTRICT URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, AS AMENDED FROM  
4 TIME TO TIME, IS IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT THROUGH AND INCLUDING  
5 OCTOBER 20, 2024.

6 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the Urban Renewal Plan for the Lauraville  
7 Business District, as amended by this Ordinance and identified as “Urban Renewal Plan,  
8 Lauraville Business District, revised to include Amendment 1, dated May 15, 2023”, is approved.  
9 The Department of Planning shall file a copy of the amended Urban Renewal Plan with the  
10 Department of Legislative Reference as a permanent public record, available for public  
11 inspection and information.

12 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That if the amended Urban Renewal Plan  
13 approved by this Ordinance in any way fails to meet the statutory requirements for the content of  
14 a renewal plan or for the procedures for the preparation, adoption, and approval of a renewal  
15 plan, those requirements are waived and the amended Urban Renewal Plan approved by this  
16 Ordinance is exempted from them.

17 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That if any provision of this Ordinance or the  
18 application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, the  
19 invalidity does not affect any other provision or any other application of this Ordinance, and for  
20 this purpose the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

21 **SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That if a provision of this Ordinance concerns  
22 the same subject as a provision of any zoning, building, electrical, plumbing, health, fire, or  
23 safety law or regulation, the applicable provisions shall be construed to give effect to each.  
24 However, if the provisions are found to be in irreconcilable conflict, the one that establishes the  
25 higher standard for the protection of the public health and safety prevails. If a provision of this  
26 Ordinance is found to be in conflict with an existing provision of any other law or regulation that  
27 establishes a lower standard for the protection of the public health and safety, the provision of  
28 this Ordinance prevails and the other conflicting provision is repealed to the extent of the  
29 conflict.

30 **SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is  
31 enacted.