

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 26-0201
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Blanchard
Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Jones, and Ramos
Introduced and read first time: June 8, 2026
Assigned to: Charter Review Special Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Parking Authority of Baltimore City, Department of Transportation, Baltimore Development Corporation, Mayor's Office of Small and Minority Business Advocacy and Development, Department of Housing and Community Development

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Charter Amendment – Parking Benefits District – Local Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a continuing, nonlapsing parking benefits district fund to return a
4 portion of parking meter revenues to a certain geographic area; specifying the allowed uses of
5 the fund; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or
6 rejection.

7 BY proposing to add

8 Article 1 – General Provisions
9 Section 21
10 Baltimore City Charter
11 (1996 Edition)

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

14 **Baltimore City Charter**

15 **Article 1. General Provisions**

16 **§ 21. PARKING BENEFITS DISTRICT FUND.**

17 (A) *FUND ESTABLISHED.*

18 THERE IS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING FUND TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PURPOSES OF
19 PROMOTING ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT COMMUNITIES BY RETURNING A PORTION OF
20 PARKING REVENUES TO THE AREA THAT IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDS THE POINT OF
21 REVENUE COLLECTION.

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

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1 (B) *ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS.*

2 (1) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE MAY, BY ORDINANCE, ESTABLISH
3 PARKING BENEFITS DISTRICTS.

4 (2) A PARKING BENEFITS DISTRICT SHALL HAVE DESIGNATED BOUNDARIES THAT
5 ESTABLISH A CERTAIN GEOGRAPHIC AREA WHERE PARKING REVENUES MAY BE
6 COLLECTED.

7 (C) *IMPLEMENTATION.*

8 THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE MAY, BY ORDINANCE, PROVIDE FOR THE
9 ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND.

10 (D) *PERMITTED USES.*

11 (1) *IN GENERAL.*

12 EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, MONEY APPROPRIATED
13 TO THIS FUND MAY BE USED FOR:

14 (I) BEAUTIFYING NEIGHBORHOODS;

15 (II) PROVIDING AMENITIES IN PUBLIC AREAS;

16 (III) IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY;

17 (IV) PROVIDING GRANTS FOR:

18 (A) FACADE IMPROVEMENT;

19 (B) TENANT BUILDOUT; AND

20 (C) PROPERTY ACQUISITION;

21 (V) PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO A COMMUNITY WITHIN
22 A PARKING BENEFITS DISTRICT; AND

23 (VI) ANY OTHER PURPOSE RELATED TO IMPROVING A COMMUNITY WITHIN A
24 PARKING BENEFITS DISTRICT.

25 (2) *LIMITATIONS.*

26 (I) MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THIS FUND MAY NOT BE USED TO SUBSTITUTE OR
27 REPLACE CITY SERVICES.

28 (II) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MAY, BY ORDINANCE, RESTRICT PARKING
29 REVENUE COLLECTED IN 1 PARKING BENEFITS DISTRICT FOR EXCLUSIVE USE IN
30 THAT DISTRICT.

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