

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0084
(First Reader)

Introduced by: The Council President

At the request of: The Administration (Department of Transportation)

Introduced and read first time: July 21, 2025

Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Finance, Department of Transportation,
Planning Commission

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Streets – Closing – A 6 Foot Portion of West Saratoga Street and an Alley 10.67 Feet**
3 **Wide, Bounded By Pearl Street, West Saratoga Street, and North Greene Street**

4 FOR the purpose of condemning and closing a 6 foot portion of West Saratoga Street and an alley
5 10.67 feet wide bounded by Pearl Street, West Saratoga Street and North Greene Street, as
6 shown on a plat numbered 307-A-23A, prepared by the Survey Section and filed in the Office
7 of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

8 BY authority of

9 Article I - General Provisions

10 Section 4

11 and

12 Article II - General Powers

13 Sections 2, 34, 35

14 Baltimore City Charter

15 (1996 Edition)

16 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
17 Department of Transportation shall proceed to condemn and close a 6 foot portion of West
18 Saratoga Street and an alley 10.67 feet wide bounded by Pearl Street, West Saratoga Street, and
19 North Greene Street, and more particularly described as follows:

20 Beginning for Parcel 1 at the point formed by the intersection of the south side
21 of West Saratoga Street variable width, and the east side of Pearl Street 60 feet
22 wide; thence binding on the east side of said Pearl Street Northerly 6 feet more or
23 less, to the new line of division; thence binding on the new line of division
24 Easterly 60 feet to intersect the west side of a 10.67 foot alley so projected; thence
25 binding Southerly 6 feet more or less, along the west of said alley so projected to
26 the south side of West Saratoga Street and thence binding on the south side of said
27 West Saratoga Street Westerly 60 feet more or less, to the place of beginning.

28 Containing 360.0 square feet or 0.0083 acres, more or less.

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

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Beginning for Parcel 2 at the point formed by the intersection of the east side of an alley 10.67 feet wide and the south side of West Saratoga Street variable width, said point of beginning being distant Westerly 100 feet measured along the south side of said West Saratoga Street from the west side of North Greene Street 65 feet wide; thence binding on the east side of said alley, Southerly 62 feet more or less, to the south side of said alley; thence binding on the south side of said alley Southwesterly 6.7 feet more or less; thence Westerly 5 feet more or less, to the west side of said alley; thence binding on the west side of said alley Northerly 59.3 feet more or less, to the south side of said West Saratoga Street and thence Northeasterly 12.4 feet more or less, to the place of beginning.

Containing 656.12 square feet or 0.0151 acres, more or less.

As delineated on a plat numbered 307-A-23A, prepared by the Survey Control Section, and filed on October 5, 2024 in the Office of the Department of Transportation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the proceedings for the condemnation and closing of a 6 foot portion of West Saratoga Street and an alley 10.67 feet wide bounded by Pearl Street, West Saratoga Street and North Greene Street and the rights of all interested parties shall be regulated by and in accordance with all applicable provisions of state and local law and with all applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Director of the Department of Transportation and filed with the Department of Legislative Reference.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That after the closing under this Ordinance, all subsurface structures and appurtenances now owned by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore continue to be the property of the Mayor and City Council, in fee simple, until their use has been abandoned by the Mayor and City Council. If any person wants to remove, alter, or interfere with them, that person must first obtain permission from the Mayor and City Council and, in the application for this permission, must agree to pay all costs and expenses, of every kind, arising out of the removal, alteration, or interference.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That no building or structure of any kind (including but not limited to railroad tracks) may be constructed or erected in or on any part of the closed under this Ordinance until all subsurface structures and appurtenances owned by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore have been abandoned by the Mayor and City Council, or have been removed and relaid in accordance with the specifications and under the direction of the Director of the Department of Transportation of Baltimore City and at the expense of the person seeking to erect the building or structure.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That after the closing under this Ordinance, all subsurface structures and appurtenances owned by any person other than the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall be removed by and at the expense of their owners, promptly upon notice to do so from the Director of Public Works.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That at all times after the closing under this Ordinance, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, acting by or through its authorized representatives, shall have access to the subject property and to all subsurface structures and appurtenances used by the Mayor and City Council, for the purpose of inspecting, maintaining, repairing, altering, relocating, or replacing any of them, without need to obtain permission from or pay compensation to the owner of the property.

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1 **SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
2 enacted.