

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 23-0444

Introduced by: Councilmember Costello and President Mosby

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Committee Report: Favorable, as amended

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: February 26, 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONCERNING

Charter Amendment – Inner Harbor Park

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2 FOR the purpose of amending the provision dedicating for public park uses the portion of the City
3 that lies along the north west and south shores of the Inner Harbor, south of Pratt Street to the
4 water’s edge, east of Light Street to the water’s edge, and north of Key Highway to the
5 water’s edge, from the World Trade Center around the shoreline of the Inner Harbor and
6 including Rash Field to permit multifamily residential development and off-street parking
7 within the dedicated boundaries of Inner Harbor ~~Park~~; Park, but making clear that areas used
8 for multi-family dwellings and off-street parking are not part of the area dedicated as park
9 land for public benefit; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for
10 adoption or rejection.

11 BY proposing to repeal and re-ordain, with amendments

12 Article I - General Provisions

13 Section 9

14 Baltimore City Charter

15 (1996 Edition)

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

Charter of Baltimore City

Article I. General Provisions

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by
amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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§ 9. Inner Harbor Park.

There is hereby dedicated to public park uses for the benefit of this and future generations of the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland the portion of the City that lies along the north, west and south shores of the Inner Harbor, south of Pratt Street to the water's edge, east of Light Street to the water's edge and north of Key Highway to the water's edge, from the World Trade Center around the shoreline of the Inner Harbor to and including Rash Field, except that, ~~in order~~ to provide ~~MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS AND OFF-STREET PARKING~~, eating places, ~~and~~ other commercial uses, ~~MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS, AND OFF-STREET PARKING~~, areas totaling not more than [3.2] 4.5 acres plus access thereto, within the dedicated space and north of an easterly extension of the south side of Conway Street shall be set aside for such ~~purposes; [purposes;]~~ PURPOSES, EXCEPT THAT ANY AREAS USED FOR MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS AND OFF-STREET PARKING ARE NOT DEDICATED AS A PUBLIC PARK; and except that in order to provide outdoor eating places for the areas known as West Shore Park and Rash Field, areas totaling not more than 0.5 acres within the dedicated space and south of an easterly extension of the south side of Conway Street shall be set aside for such purposes; and except that an area of not more than 3.4 acres shall be set aside for use by the Maryland Science Center, plus access thereto.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in enacting this Resolution of the Mayor and City Council, it is the intent of the Mayor and City Council to preserve the public park known as Rash Field and to preserve the existing development restrictions within the Inner Harbor Park south of Conway Street.

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

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Certified as duly passed this 04 day of March, 2024

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 04 day of March, 2024

Chief Clerk

Approved this 11 day of March, 2024

Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency
This 12th Day of March, 2024.

Elena DiPietro

Chief Solicitor