

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 18-0176  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Bullock, President Young, Councilmembers Henry, Dorsey,  
Burnett, Scott, Middleton, Pinkett

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2018

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Transportation,  
Department of Housing and Community Development

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 style="text-align:center">**Alley Gating and Greening – Standards**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying a requirement that, to gate or green an alley, the majority of  
4 structures abutting the alley must be “residential”; and generally relating to the standards for  
5 the gating and greening of alleys.

6 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

7 Article 26 - Surveys, Streets, and Highways

8 Section 8A-4(b)

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

11 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
12 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

13 style="text-align:center">**Baltimore City Code**

14 style="text-align:center">**Article 26. Surveys, Streets, and Highways**

15 style="text-align:center">**Subtitle 8A. Gating and Greening Alleys**

16 **§ 8A-4. Scope; General standards.**

17 (b) *Standards for authorizing gating and greening.*

18 The Director of Transportation may authorize the gating and, if applicable, the greening  
19 of an alley if, on petition, public notice, and hearing as provided in this subtitle, the  
20 Director determines that:

21 style="padding-left: 40px;">[(1) the majority of the structures abutting the alley are residential;]

22 style="padding-left: 40px;">(1) [(2)] the alley is no longer needed for through pedestrian or vehicular traffic; [and]

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

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1 (2) [(3)] the gating and, if applicable, the greening will promote the public health,  
2 safety, or welfare; AND

3 (3) THE MAJORITY OF THE STRUCTURES ABUTTING THE ALLEY:

4 (I) ARE RESIDENTIAL; OR

5 (II) CONTAIN, ABOVE A NON-RESIDENTIAL GROUND FLOOR, 1 OR MORE UPPER  
6 STORIES THAT, AS ALLOWED BY THE APPLICABLE USE TABLE OF THE  
7 BALTIMORE CITY ZONING CODE, ARE BEING USED OR ARE DESIGNED AND  
8 INTENDED TO BE USED AS RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS.

9 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance  
10 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior  
11 Ordinance.

12 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
13 after the date it is enacted.