

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 18-0252  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Henry  
Introduced and read first time: June 4, 2018  
Assigned to: Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

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

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Urban Renewal – York-Woodbourne Business Area –**  
3 **Amendment \_\_**

4 FOR the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for York-Woodbourne Business Area to  
5 reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area; waiving certain content and  
6 procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for  
7 the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing  
8 for a special effective date.

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

14 **Recitals**

15 The Urban Renewal Plan for York-Woodbourne Business Area was originally approved by  
16 the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore by Ordinance 74-650 and last amended by Ordinance  
17 14-291.

18 An amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan for York Woodbourne Business Area is necessary  
19 to reauthorize the Plan’s powers of acquisition and condemnation so that these actions may  
20 legally continue, in compliance with § 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated  
21 Code of Maryland.

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

25 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
26 following change in the Urban Renewal Plan for York-Woodbourne Business Area is 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 C.1.b. to read as follows:

2 C. Project Proposals

3 1. Property acquisition

- 4 . . . .
- 5 b. The authority to acquire the Properties within the Project Area is expressly
- 6 confirmed and reauthorized through and including [December 31, 2018]
- 7 DECEMBER 31, 2022.
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9 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the Urban Renewal Plan for York-  
 10 Woodbourne Business Area, as amended by this Ordinance and identified as “Urban Renewal  
 11 Plan, York-Woodbourne Business Area, revised to include Amendment \_\_, dated June 4, 2018”,  
 12 is approved. The Department of Planning shall file a copy of the amended Urban Renewal Plan  
 13 with the Department of Legislative Reference as a permanent public record, available for public  
 14 inspection and information.

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

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

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

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