

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 10-0633  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Henry, Curran  
Introduced and read first time: December 9, 2010  
Assigned to: Urban Affairs and Aging Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Works, Baltimore Development Corporation, Baltimore City Parking Authority Board, 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 the York-Woodbourne Business Area  
5 to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area; waiving certain content  
6 and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing  
7 for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and  
8 providing 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 was originally approved by the Mayor and  
16 City Council of Baltimore by Ordinance 74-650 and last amended by Ordinance 95-667.

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

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

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

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

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1 In the Plan, add new C.1.b to read as follows:

2 C. Project Proposals

3 1. Property Acquisition

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- 5 B. THE AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE THE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE PROJECT AREA  
6 IS EXPRESSLY CONFIRMED AND REAUTHORIZED THROUGH AND INCLUDING  
7 DECEMBER 31, 2014.  
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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 December 6,  
12 2010”, is approved. The Department of Planning shall file a copy of the amended Urban  
13 Renewal Plan with the Department of Legislative Reference as a permanent public record,  
14 available for public 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  
34 is enacted.