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1 unhealthy, unsanitary or unsafe conditions, lessening density, eliminating obsolete or other
2 uses detrimental to the public welfare or otherwise removing or preventing the spread of
3 blight or deterioration in the City of Baltimore; the demolition, removal, relocation,
4 renovation or alteration of land, buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and
5 other structures or improvements, and for the construction, reconstruction, installation,
6 relocation or repair of buildings, streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other
7 structures or improvements; the payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for, or in
8 connection with, doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including, but not limited
9 to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis,
10 engineering, planning, designing, architectural, surveying, and other professional services;
11 and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or
12 pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned; authorizing the
13 submission of this Ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or
14 disapproval, at the General Election to be held in Baltimore City, on Tuesday, the 5th day of
15 November, 2024; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of such certificates of
16 indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council
17 of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates
18 of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

19 **WHEREAS**, By General Assembly House Resolution I and Senate Resolution I of 2024,
20 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing Baltimore City, the
21 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore is authorized to create a debt and to issue and sell, at any
22 time or from time to time and in one or more series, its certificates of indebtedness (hereinafter
23 called "bonds") as evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding TWENTY Million Dollars
24 (\$20,000,000.00) from the sale of such bonds to be used in connection with the community
25 development program of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore as authorized by the
26 Resolution; and

27 **WHEREAS**, Funds are now needed for these purposes; now, therefore,

28 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
29 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, acting by and through the Board of Finance of the
30 municipality, be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to create a debt and to issue and sell
31 bonds of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore from time to time, as may be needed or
32 required for the purposes hereinafter named and the bonds shall be sold by the Board of Finance
33 from time to time and at such times as shall be requisite, and proceeds not exceeding TWENTY
34 Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) from the sale of such bonds shall be used for the purposes
35 hereinafter named, provided that this Ordinance shall not become effective unless it shall be
36 approved by a majority of the votes of the legal voters of Baltimore City cast at the time and
37 place hereinafter designated by this Ordinance.

38 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That:

39 (a) The denomination or denominations of the bonds to be issued at any particular time
40 and the place or places for the payment of principal and interest thereof are to be determined by
41 the Board of Finance.

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1 (b) The bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this Ordinance
2 may be issued to mature on such dates and in such amounts as the Board of Finance may
3 determine; provided that the entire principal amount represented thereby shall be discharged not
4 more than 40 years from the date of issuance of the bonds.

5 (c) The bonds, when issued, shall bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined
6 by the Board of Finance, which rate or rates may be fixed or variable or as determined by a
7 method approved by the Board of Finance, and such interest shall be payable at such time or
8 times as may be determined by the Board of Finance.

9 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That a majority of the Board of Finance of the
10 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore be, and they are hereby, authorized to pass a resolution or
11 resolutions, from time to time, to determine and set forth any or all of the following:

12 (a) The amount of debt to be incurred by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore at any
13 particular time, and from time to time, under and pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance;
14 the date or dates when any bonds representing said debt, or any part thereof, are to mature, and
15 the amount or amounts of said debt, or any part thereof, which shall mature upon the aforesaid
16 date or dates; and the date or dates in each year, during the entire period of time when any of said
17 bonds are outstanding, when interest on any of said bonds shall be payable;

18 (b) The form or forms of the bonds representing the debt, or any part thereof, authorized
19 to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance at any particular time; and

20 (c) If the bonds are to be sold at public sale, the time, place, manner and medium of
21 advertisement of the readiness of the Board of Finance, acting for and on behalf of the Mayor and
22 City Council of Baltimore, to receive bids for the purchase of the bonds authorized to be issued
23 hereunder or any part thereof; the form, terms and conditions of such bids; the time, place and
24 manner of awarding bonds so bid for, including the right whenever any of the bonds authorized
25 by this Ordinance are offered for sale and sold at the same time as other bonds of the City, to
26 establish the conditions for bids and awards and to award all of the bonds on an all or none basis,
27 and the time, place, terms and manner of settlement for the bonds so bid for; provided, however,
28 that notwithstanding anything in this section, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or the
29 Board of Finance, as the case may be, shall have the right to reject any or all bids therefor for any
30 reason.

31 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That:

32 (a) All premiums resulting from the sale of any of the bonds issued and sold pursuant to
33 the provisions of this Ordinance shall be applied as directed by the Board of Finance.

34 (b) The debt authorized by the provisions of this Ordinance, and the bonds issued and
35 sold pursuant thereto and their transfer, and the principal and interest payable thereon (including
36 any profit made in the sale thereof), shall be and remain exempt from any and all State, county
37 and municipal taxation in the State of Maryland.

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1 (c) All bonds issued and sold pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance may be sold at
2 public sale by the solicitation of competitive bids or at private (negotiated) sale without
3 advertisement or solicitation of competitive bids, for a price or prices which may be at, above or
4 below par value of the bonds, as determined by resolution of the Board of Finance of the Mayor
5 and City Council of Baltimore.

6 **SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That until all of the interest on and principal of
7 any bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance have been paid in full, the Mayor
8 and City Council of Baltimore shall levy and impose an annual tax on each \$100 of assessable
9 property in the City of Baltimore at a rate sufficient to produce revenue to pay all interest on and
10 principal of all bonds theretofore issued and outstanding or authorized to be issued and
11 outstanding, payable in the next succeeding year.

12 **SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That this Ordinance shall be submitted to the
13 legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the General Election to
14 be held in Baltimore City, on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 2024.

15 **SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That prior to the date of the election
16 hereinbefore mentioned, notice shall be given to the public of the amount of money which the
17 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore is authorized to borrow, and the general purposes for
18 which such borrowed funds may be expended, under the terms and provisions of this Ordinance,
19 and the time when the election hereinbefore mentioned is to be held; and such public notice shall
20 be given in such manner and by such means or through such media and at such time or times as
21 may be determined, from time to time, by a majority of the Board of Finance.

22 **SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That the actual cash proceeds derived from the
23 sale of the bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be used
24 exclusively for the following purposes, to wit:

25 (a) So much thereof as may be necessary for the cost of issuance, including the expense
26 of engraving, printing, advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected
27 therewith (which may include the proportion of the compensation of employees and general
28 administrative expenses of the Department of Finance reasonably allocated to the issuance of the
29 bonds); and

30 (b) The remainder of such proceeds shall be used for or in connection with planning,
31 developing, executing and making operative the Affordable Housing Program of the Mayor and
32 City Council of Baltimore, including, but not limited to:

33 (i) The acquisition, by purchase, lease, condemnation, or any other legal means, of
34 land or property, or any right, interest, franchise, easement or privilege therein, in the City of
35 Baltimore;

36 (ii) The payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with or
37 incidental to the acquisition and management of said land or property, including any and all
38 rights or interests therein hereinabove mentioned;

39 (iii) The payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with
40 relocating and moving persons or other legal entities displaced by the acquisition of said land or

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1 property, or any of the rights or interests therein hereinbefore mentioned, in the City of
2 Baltimore;

3 (iv) The development or redevelopment, including, but not limited to, the
4 comprehensive renovation or rehabilitation of, any land or property, or any rights or interests
5 therein hereinbefore mentioned, in the City of Baltimore, and the disposition of land and property
6 for such purposes;

7 (v) Costs related to the rehabilitation and new construction of and operation of rental
8 and homeownership developments, such costs to include but not be limited to relocation
9 assistance; rental payment and home purchase assistance, housing counseling and project
10 financing comprised of loans (including forgivable or fully amortizing) or grants or other related
11 activities and buyer education assistance, and activities to support the orderly and sustainable
12 planning, preservation, rehabilitation, and development of economically diverse housing in City
13 neighborhoods; support for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund;

14 (vi) The elimination of unhealthful, unsanitary, or unsafe conditions, lessening
15 density, eliminating obsolete or other uses detrimental to the public welfare or otherwise
16 removing or preventing the spread of blight or deterioration in the City of Baltimore;

17 (vii) The demolition, removal, relocation, renovation or alteration of land, buildings,
18 streets, highways, alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements, and for the
19 construction and reconstruction, installation, relocation or repair of buildings, streets, highways,
20 alleys, utilities or services, and other structures or improvements;

21 (viii) The payment of any and all costs and expenses incurred for, or in connection
22 with, doing any or all of the things herein mentioned, including, but not limited to, the costs and
23 expenses of securing administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning,
24 designing, architectural, surveying, and other professional services; and

25 (ix) Doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or
26 pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned.

27 All such land or property shall be acquired, developed, redeveloped, renovated, rehabilitated,
28 altered, improved, held or disposed of, as provided by law.

29 **SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:**

30 (a) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, acting by and through the Board of
31 Finance thereof, is hereby authorized and empowered to issue its bonds for the purpose of
32 refunding any bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance by payment
33 at maturity or the purchase or redemption of bonds in advance of maturity. The validity of any
34 refunding bonds shall in no way be dependent upon or related to the validity or invalidity of the
35 bonds being refunded. Such refunding bonds may be issued by the Mayor and City Council of
36 Baltimore, acting by and through the Board of Finance thereof, for the purpose of providing it
37 with funds to pay any of its outstanding bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of
38 this Ordinance at maturity, to purchase in the open market any of its outstanding bonds
39 authorized to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance prior to their maturity, to redeem
40 prior to their maturity any outstanding bonds which are, by their terms, redeemable, to pay
41 interest on any outstanding bonds prior to their payment at maturity or purchase or redemption in

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1 advance of maturity, or to pay any redemption or purchase premium in connection with the
2 refunding of any of its outstanding bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this
3 Ordinance.

4 (b) Any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this
5 Ordinance may be issued for the public purpose of:

6 (1) Realizing savings to Baltimore City in the aggregate cost of debt service on either
7 a direct comparison or present value basis; or

8 (2) Debt restructuring that:

9 (i) In the aggregate effects such a reduction in the cost of debt service; or

10 (ii) Is determined by the Board of Finance of the Mayor and City Council of
11 Baltimore to be in the best interests of Baltimore City, to be consistent with Baltimore City's
12 long-term financial plan, and to realize a financial objective of Baltimore City including,
13 improving the relationship of debt service to a source of payment such as taxes, assessments, or
14 other charges.

15 (c) Any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this
16 Ordinance may be issued in whatever principal amount shall be required to achieve the purpose
17 for the issuance of the refunding bonds, which amount may be in excess of the principal amount
18 of the bonds refunded or the maximum principal amount of bonds authorized to be issued under
19 Section 1 of this Ordinance.

20 (d) Any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this
21 Ordinance may be issued to mature on such dates and in such amounts as the Board of Finance
22 may determine; provided that the entire principal amount represented by the refunding bonds
23 shall be discharged not more than 40 years from the date of issuance of the bonds being refunded.

24 (e) Any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this
25 Ordinance may be sold at public sale by the solicitation of competitive bids or at private
26 (negotiated) sale without advertisement or solicitation of competitive bids, for a price or prices
27 which may be at, above or below the par value of the refunding bonds, as determined by
28 resolution of the Board of Finance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

29 (f) Any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this
30 Ordinance shall bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined by the Board of Finance
31 of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, which rate or rates may be fixed or variable or as
32 determined by a method approved by the Board of Finance, and such interest shall be payable at
33 such time or times as may be determined by the Board of Finance.

34 (g) The proceeds of the sale of any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold
35 under the provisions of this Ordinance, after the payment of issuance costs relating thereto, shall
36 be set aside by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore as a separate trust fund to be used solely
37 for the purposes stated in this Section 9.

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1 (h) Except as otherwise provided in this Section 9, the powers granted in, the limitations
2 and obligations imposed by, and the procedures specified in this Ordinance with respect to the
3 issuance of bonds shall be applicable to the issuance of refunding bonds.

4 (i) Any refunding bonds authorized to be issued and sold under the provisions of this
5 Ordinance shall not be subject to any debt policy limitation that may from time to time be
6 established by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

7 **SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the expenditure of the proceeds derived
8 from the sale of the bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be
9 in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and
10 by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance of Estimates of the Mayor and City
11 Council of Baltimore.

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Certified as duly passed this 22 day of July, 2024



President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 22 day of July, 2024



Chief Clerk

Approved this 23 day of July, 2024



Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency
This 23rd Day of July, 2024.

Elena R. DiPietro

Chief Solicitor