

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0004
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Blanchard
At the request of: The Administration (Mayor’s Office of Government Relations)
Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Gray and Jones
Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2025
Assigned to: Housing and Economic Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Department of Public Works, Department of Recreation and Parks, Police Department

A BILL ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **Midtown Community Benefits District and Management Authority –**
3 **Renewal Through June 30, 2028**

4 FOR the purpose of reviewing, renewing and continuing the Midtown Community Benefits
5 District and the Midtown Community Benefits Management Authority; providing for a
6 special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Midtown
7 Community Benefits District and the Midtown Community Benefits Management Authority;
8 and providing for a special effective date.

9 **Recitals**

10 Ordinance 95-613 (the “Ordinance”) authorized the creation of the Midtown Community
11 Benefits District (the “District”) and the Midtown Community Benefits District Authority (the
12 “Authority”), subject to certain terms and conditions.

13 The Ordinance requires that the Mayor and City Council hold 1 or more public hearings
14 every 4 years to evaluate the activities and undertakings of the District and the Authority and to
15 determine whether the District and Authority should continue for another 4 years.

16 In 1999, the City Council conducted the first of these quadrennial reviews and, by Resolution
17 99-019, continued the District and Authority for an additional 4 years, ending June 30, 2003.
18 Subsequently, Chapter 89, Acts of 2000, amended Charter Article II, § 63(h), establishing a new
19 4-year review cycle, to begin December 2003.

20 In 2003, the Mayor and City Council conducted an interim review and, by Resolution 03-043,
21 continued the District and Authority for an additional 1-year period, ending June 30, 2004. In
22 2004, the Mayor and City Council conducted a further review and, by Resolution 04-052,
23 continued the District and Authority for a full 4-year period, ending June 30, 2008. In 2008, the
24 Mayor and City Council conducted a further review and, by Resolution 08-001, continued the
25 District and Authority for an additional 4-year period, ending June 30, 2012. In 2012, the Mayor
26 and City Council conducted a further review and, by Resolution 12-007, continued the District
27 and Authority for an additional 4-year period, ending June 30, 2016. In 2016, the Mayor and
28 City Council conducted a further review and, by Resolution 16-028, continued the District and

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

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1 Authority for an additional 4-year period, ending June 30, 2020. In 2020, the Mayor and City
2 Council conducted a further review and, by Resolution 20-17, continued the District and
3 Authority for an additional 4-year period, ending June 30, 2024.

4 For the purposes of determining whether to again renew and continue the District and the
5 Authority, the City Council has held a hearing, as required by Article 14, § 7-16.

6 The Mayor and City Council have undertaken the requisite quadrennial review for a proposed
7 4-year renewal period. Based on their review of the activities and undertakings of the District and
8 Authority, the Mayor and City Council find that the renewal and continuation of the District and
9 the Authority are in the best interest of the citizens of Baltimore.

10 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That,
11 beginning at its second meeting in May 2024, the Mayor and City Council shall review and
12 determine the desirability of continuing the Midtown Community Benefits District and the
13 Midtown Community Benefits Management Authority.

14 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That, if the Mayor and City Council find that it
15 is desirable for the District and Authority to continue, the District and the Authority shall be
16 renewed and continued for an additional 4 years, backdating from July 1, 2024, through June 30,
17 2028.

18 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution takes effect on the date it
19 is enacted.