

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 24-0531
(First Reader)**

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Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Department of Planning, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Department of Public Works, Board of Estimates

A RESOLUTION 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 **Recitals**

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

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

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

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

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1 In 2003, the Mayor and City Council conducted an interim review and, by Resolution 03-043,
2 continued the District and Authority for an additional 1-year period, ending June 30, 2004. In
3 2004, the Mayor and City Council conducted a further review and, by Resolution 04-052,
4 continued the District and Authority for a full 4-year period, ending June 30, 2008. In 2008, the
5 Mayor and City Council conducted a further review and, by Resolution 08-001, continued the
6 District and Authority for an additional 4-year period, ending June 30, 2012. In 2012, the Mayor
7 and City Council conducted a further review and, by Resolution 12-007, continued the District
8 and Authority for an additional 4-year period, ending June 30, 2016. In 2016, the Mayor and
9 City Council conducted a further review and, by Resolution 16-028, continued the District and
10 Authority for an additional 4-year period, ending June 30, 2020. In 2020, the Mayor and City
11 Council conducted a further review and, by Resolution 20-17, continued the District and
12 Authority for an additional 4-year period, ending June 30, 2024.

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

15 The Mayor and City Council have undertaken the requisite quadrennial review for a proposed
16 4-year renewal period. Based on their review of the activities and undertakings of the District and
17 Authority, the Mayor and City Council find that the renewal and continuation of the District and
18 the Authority are in the best interest of the citizens of Baltimore.

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

23 **SECTION 2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That, if
24 the Mayor and City Council find that it is desirable for the District and Authority to continue, the
25 District and the Authority shall be renewed and continued for an additional 4 years, backdating
26 from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028.

27 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution of the Mayor and City
28 Council takes effect on the date it is enacted.