

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 14-0396**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Henry, Scott, Holton, Kraft, Branch, Stokes, Clarke, Spector,  
President Young, Councilmembers Middleton, Reisinger, Curran, Cole, Mosby, Welch  
Introduced and read first time: June 2, 2014  
Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee  
Committee Report: Favorable  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: July 17, 2014

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**1 City Property – Renaming Leith Walk Recreation Center to**  
**2 the Kenneth N. Harris Sr. Community Center**

3 FOR the purpose of changing the name of Leith Walk Recreation Center, located at 1235  
4 Sherwood Avenue, to the Kenneth N. Harris Sr. Community Center.

5 BY authority of  
6 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement  
7 Section 20-2  
8 Baltimore City Code  
9 (Edition 2000)

**10 Recitals**

11 Ken Harris, throughout his life, worked hard to uplift and improve his community  
12 in North and Northeast Baltimore. One particular focus of his efforts was his  
13 struggle to guide children onto and along the right paths of life, particularly those  
14 children in the Ramblewood Community.

15 As a Baltimore City Councilman, he looked out for all of our City’s children. He  
16 sought to keep students on the right course by championing the Baltimore Truancy  
17 Assessment Centers to counsel and provide needed social services to kids who  
18 “skip” class. He worked to change eviction procedures to keep families and  
19 children from being thrown out onto the street with their belongings. And he  
20 consistently challenged the Police Department to be prudent in charging youths  
21 with minor offenses that could jeopardize their future jobs and education. Perhaps  
22 most importantly, he made ending the cycle of violence on our City’s streets that  
23 mars the lives of so many of our young people his signature priority.

24 Before Ken Harris began fighting for all of Baltimore’s youth as a Councilman, he  
25 worked tirelessly to support the children of his neighborhood through his service  
26 as first a member, and later president, of the Leith Walk Parent Teacher

**EXPLANATION:** CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by  
amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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1 Association. He cared deeply about the well being of children in the Ramblewood  
2 Community, and it would be fitting to honor him by renaming the Leith Walk  
3 Recreation Center, which is located in that community.

4 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
5 name of Leith Walk Recreation Center, located at 1235 Sherwood Avenue, is changed to the  
6 Kenneth N. Harris Sr. Community Center.

7 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
8 after the date it is enacted.

Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City