

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0118
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Costello and Stokes
At the request of: Downtown Partnership of Baltimore
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Introduced and read first time: August 16, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Baltimore Development Corporation,
Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Downtown Partnership, Department of Finance,
Planning Commission, Department of Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Area of Special Sign Control - Designation - North Harbor**

3 FOR the purpose of approving the application of Downtown Partnership of Baltimore to designate
4 an Area of Special Sign Control known as the North Harbor District; and providing for a
5 special effective date.

6 BY authority of

7 Article - Zoning
8 Title 17, Subtitle 5
9 Baltimore City Revised Code
10 (Edition 2000)

11 **Recitals**

12 Downtown Partnership of Baltimore has applied to designate an Area of Special Sign Control
13 known as the “North Harbor District” in the area described as follows:

14 **North Harbor District**

15 Beginning at the point of the intersection of the of the center lines of Howard
16 Street and Conway; then, west along the center line of West Camden Street to the
17 point of South Paca intersection; then north along the center line of South Paca to
18 the point of Pratt Street intersection, then north along the center line of North
19 Howard Street to the point of East Baltimore Street Intersection, then east along
20 the center line of East Baltimore Street to the point of Commerce Street
21 Intersection, then south along the center line of Commerce Street to the point of
22 Water Street Intersection, then east along the center line of Water Street to the
23 point of S Frederick Street intersection, then north along the center line of S
24 Frederick Street to the E Baltimore Street intersection, then east along the center
25 line of E Baltimore Street to the point of the President Street intersection, then

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

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1 south along the center line of President Street to the point of the Pratt Street intersection,
2 then west along the Pratt Street including all parcels on Pratt Street to the point of the
3 Light street intersection, then south along the center line of Light Street to the point of
4 Conway intersection, then west along the center line to the intersection at Howard Street.

5 On August 2, 2021, representatives from Downtown Partnership of Baltimore met with the
6 Department of Planning for a preliminary conference to explain the scope and nature of the
7 proposed Area of Special Control and to begin the process to designate the North Harbor District
8 an Area of Special Control.

9 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That, in
10 accordance with Baltimore City Zoning Code § 17-503(b)(1), the area known as the “North
11 Harbor District” is an Area of Special Sign Control.

12 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That, in accordance with Baltimore City
13 Zoning Code § 17-504, the Applicant shall submit a signage plan for the North Harbor District
14 Area of Special Sign Control demonstrating that, in accordance with Baltimore City Zoning Code
15 § 17-502(a), all of the properties in the North Harbor District Area of Special Sign Control are
16 within permissible zones, and that, in accordance with Baltimore City Zoning Code § 17-502(b),
17 the North Harbor District Area of Special Sign Control has at least 600 linear feet of street
18 frontage, and that, in accordance with Baltimore City Zoning Code §§ 17-502(b)(2) and 17-
19 502(b)(3), the included block faces are either located directly across the street from each other or
20 adjacent to each other along the street and are in permissible zoning districts.

21 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on date it is
22 enacted.