

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**COUNCIL BILL 12-0047**  
**(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Planning)  
Introduced and read first time: March 19, 2012

Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Bond Issue — Recreation, Parks, and Environmental Improvement Loan — \$8,000,000**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore (pursuant to Resolution  
4 II of 2012 approved by the members of the Maryland General Assembly representing  
5 Baltimore City) to create a debt, and to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness as  
6 evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding \$8,000,000 from the sale of such certificates of  
7 indebtedness to be used for the cost of issuance, including the expense of engraving, printing,  
8 advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected therewith, and the  
9 remainder of such proceeds shall be used for the acquisition, construction, reconstruction,  
10 installation, erection, protection, extension, enlargement, renovation, or modernization of,  
11 and additions and improvements to, public park and recreational, land, property, buildings,  
12 structures or facilities; for the acquisition and installation of trees for tree planting programs;  
13 and for the acquisition and installation of equipment for any and all existing or new facilities  
14 authorized to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed, erected, extended, enlarged, renovated,  
15 modernized, improved or added to, by the provisions hereof; the payment of any and all costs  
16 and expenses incurred for or in connection with doing any or all of the things herein  
17 mentioned, including, but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing administrative,  
18 appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning, designing, architectural, and all things  
19 necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any or all of the matters or  
20 things hereinbefore mentioned; authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds; conferring and  
21 imposing upon the Board of Finance of Baltimore City certain powers and duties; authorizing  
22 the submission of this Ordinance to the legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their  
23 approval or disapproval, at the General Election to be held in Baltimore City on Tuesday, the  
24 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012; and providing for the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of said  
25 certificates of indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Mayor and  
26 City Council of Baltimore, and by the municipal agency designated in the annual Ordinance  
27 of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

28 **WHEREAS**, By Resolution II of 2012, approved by the members of the Maryland General  
29 Assembly representing Baltimore City, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore is authorized to

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

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1 create a debt and to issue and sell its certificates of indebtedness (hereinafter called "bonds") as  
2 evidence thereof, and proceeds not exceeding \$8,000,000 from the sale of such bonds to be used  
3 for recreation, parks, and environmental improvement purposes as authorized by said Resolution;  
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, Funds are now needed for said purposes; now, therefore,

6 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the  
7 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, acting by and through the Board of Finance of said  
8 municipality, be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to create a debt and to issue and sell  
9 bonds of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore from time to time, as may be needed or  
10 required for the purposes hereinafter named and said bonds shall be sold by the Board of Finance  
11 from time to time and at such times as shall be requisite, and proceeds not exceeding \$8,000,000  
12 from the sale of such bonds shall be used for the purposes hereinafter named, provided that this  
13 Ordinance shall not become effective unless it shall be approved by a majority of the votes of the  
14 legal voters of Baltimore City cast at the time and place hereinafter designated by this Ordinance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 (c) If the bonds are to be sold at public sale, the time, place, manner and medium of  
39 advertisement of the readiness of the Board of Finance, acting for and on behalf of the Mayor and  
40 City Council of Baltimore, to receive bids for the purchase of the bonds authorized to be issued

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1 hereunder or any part thereof; the form, terms and conditions of such bids; the time, place and  
2 manner of awarding bonds so bid for, including the right whenever any of the bonds authorized  
3 by this Ordinance are offered for sale and sold at the same time as other bonds of the City, to  
4 establish the conditions for bids and awards and to award all of the bonds on an all or none basis,  
5 and the time, place, terms and manner of settlement for the bonds so bid for; provided, however,  
6 that notwithstanding anything in this section, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or the  
7 Board of Finance, as the case may be, shall have the right to reject any or all bids therefor for any  
8 reason.

### 9 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:

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

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

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

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

27 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall be submitted to the  
28 legal voters of the City of Baltimore, for their approval or disapproval, at the General Election to  
29 be held in Baltimore City, on Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

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

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

40 (a) So much thereof as may be necessary for the cost of issuance, including the expense of  
41 engraving, printing, advertising, attorneys' fees, and all other incidental expenses connected

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1 therewith (which may include the proportion of the compensation of employees and general  
2 administrative expenses of the Department of Finance reasonably allocated to the issuance of the  
3 bonds);

4 (b) The remainder of such proceeds shall be used for the acquisition, construction,  
5 reconstruction, installation, erection, protection, extension, enlargement, renovation,  
6 modernization of, and additions and improvements to, public park and recreational, land,  
7 property, buildings, structures or facilities; for the acquisition and installation of trees for tree  
8 planting programs; and for the acquisition and installation of equipment for any and all existing  
9 or new facilities authorized to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed, erected, extended,  
10 enlarged, renovated, modernized, improved or added to, by the provisions hereof; the payment of  
11 any and all costs and expenses incurred for or in connection with doing any or all of the things  
12 herein mentioned, including, but not limited to, the costs and expenses of securing  
13 administrative, appraisal, economic analysis, engineering, planning, designing, architectural, and  
14 all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any or all of the  
15 matters or things hereinbefore mentioned.

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

17 (a) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, acting by and through the Board of Finance  
18 thereof, is hereby authorized and empowered to issue its bonds for the purpose of refunding any  
19 bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance by payment at maturity or  
20 the purchase or redemption of bonds in advance of maturity. The validity of any refunding bonds  
21 shall in no way be dependent upon or related to the validity or invalidity of the bonds being  
22 refunded. Such refunding bonds may be issued by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,  
23 acting by and through the Board of Finance thereof, for the purpose of providing it with funds to  
24 pay any of its outstanding bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance at  
25 maturity, to purchase in the open market any of its outstanding bonds authorized to be issued  
26 under the provisions of this Ordinance prior to their maturity, to redeem prior to their maturity  
27 any outstanding bonds which are, by their terms, redeemable, to pay interest on any outstanding  
28 bonds prior to their payment at maturity or purchase or redemption in advance of maturity, or to  
29 pay any redemption or purchase premium in connection with the refunding of any of its  
30 outstanding bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance.

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

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

35 (2) Debt restructuring that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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