

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 26-0173
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Blanchard

Cosponsored by: President Cohen and Councilmembers Middleton, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Jones,
and Ramos

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Assigned to: Housing and Economic Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Department of
Housing and Community Development, Office of the Comptroller, Baltimore Development
Corporation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Department of Housing and Community Development – Disposition of**
3 **Property – Exemption for Property Less Than \$25,000**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting dispositions by the Department of Housing and Community
5 Development of property valued at less than \$25,000 from requiring approval of the Board of
6 Estimates; and requiring a monthly report by the Department of Housing and Community
7 Development of all dispositions of property worth less than \$25,000.

8 BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments,
9 Article 13 - Housing and Urban Renewal
10 Section 2-7(f)
11 Baltimore City Code
12 (Edition 2000)

13 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
14 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

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

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Baltimore City Code

Article 13. Housing and Urban Renewal

Division I. General Administration

Subtitle 2. Department of Housing and Community Development

§ 2-7. Specific powers.

(f) *Disposing of property.*

- (1) In accordance with applicable Renewal Plans or Conservation Plans, to sell at public or private sale, lease, convey, transfer, or otherwise dispose of any land or property, or any interest in them, acquired by it regardless of whether or not it has been developed, redeveloped, altered, or improved and irrespective of the manner or means in or by which it may have been acquired, to the United States of America, the Housing Authority of Baltimore City, the State of Maryland, or any department or agency of them, or to any private, public, or quasi-public corporation, partnership, association, person, or other legal entity, for conservation, development, or redevelopment, including but not limited to renovation or rehabilitation.
- (2) Provided, however, that all contracts for the sale, lease, conveyance, transfer, or other disposition of any of said land or property or for the transfer of any other interest therein shall be executed in the name of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore [and] AND, WHERE THE CONSIDERATION OR APPRAISED VALUE OF SAID LAND OR PROPERTY EQUALS OR EXCEEDS \$25,000, shall require the approval of the Board of Estimates prior to execution as to the legal and financial ability of the contracting parties.
- (3) Such contracts shall provide for the sale, lease, conveyance, transfer, or other disposition of land or property or any interest therein at such prices and on such terms as may be appropriate to the uses prescribed for such land or property by the applicable Renewal Plan or Conservation Plan and the restrictions upon, and the covenants, conditions, and obligations assumed by the purchaser, transferee, or lessee.
- (4) Any lessee or tenant who is a party to any such lease or rental agreement, or any successor in interest or title, shall not have any right to redeem the rent, fee, or charge reserved or to be paid by any such lessee or tenant, or by any successor in interest or title, under the terms of any such lease or rental agreement, except to the extent and in the manner set forth in any such particular lease or rental agreement, if any such right is specifically and definitely granted therein.
- (5) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PUBLISH ON THE CITY'S OFFICIAL WEBSITE, NO LATER THAN THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF EACH MONTH, A REPORT THAT SHALL INCLUDE:
 - (I) EACH DISPOSITION OF LAND OR PROPERTY AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION DURING THE PRECEDING CALENDAR MONTH WHERE THE CONSIDERATION OR APPRAISED VALUE OF SAID LAND OR PROPERTY IS LESS THAN \$25,000;

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- 1 (II) THE ADDRESS OF EACH DISPOSED LAND OR PROPERTY;
- 2 (III) A DESCRIPTION OF EACH DISPOSED LAND OR PROPERTY;
- 3 (IV) THE NAME OF THE PURCHASER, LESSEE, OR TRANSFEREE;
- 4 (V) THE NATURE OF THE DISPOSITION; AND
- 5 (VI) THE CONSIDERATION OR APPRAISED VALUE OF THE LAND OR PROPERTY.

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