

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 09-0293
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Cole, Spector
At the request of: The Downtown Partnership of Baltimore
Introduced and read first time: March 2, 2009
Assigned to: Urban Affairs and Aging Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, Baltimore Development Corporation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Downtown Management District – Adjustment of Boundaries**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the Downtown Management District to encompass an area
4 bounded by Franklin Street to the north, Howard Street to the east, Saratoga Street to the
5 south, and Eutaw Street to the west, as well as properties fronting on the west side of Eutaw
6 Street; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related language; making this Ordinance
7 subject to a certain contingency; and generally related to the Downtown Management
8 District and Authority.

9 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

10 Article 14 - Special Benefits Districts
11 Section(s) 1-3(a) and Exhibit A
12 Baltimore City Code
13 (Edition 2000)

14 BY repealing

15 Article 14 - Special Benefits Districts
16 Section(s) Exhibit A-1
17 Baltimore City Code
18 (Edition 2000)

19 **Recitals**

20 The Downtown Management District was established by Ordinance 92-057 (now codified as
21 City Code Article 14, Subtitle 1), pursuant to authority granted by City Charter Article II,
22 § 61. The District's boundaries were delineated in Exhibits A and A-1 of Ordinance 92-057.

23 Pursuant to City Code Article 14, § 1-3(b), the Board of Directors of the Downtown
24 Management Authority has now recommended an adjustment of these boundaries to include
25 within the District (i) an enclave bounded by Franklin Street to the north, Howard Street to

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

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1 the east, Saratoga Street to the south, and Eutaw Street to the west, and (ii) properties
2 fronting on the west side of Eutaw Street. These adjustments are all within the outer limits
3 authorized by City Charter Article II, § 61(a)(2).

4 On _____, 2000, the Board of Estimates reviewed and endorsed the Board’s
5 recommendations.

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

8 **Baltimore City Code**

9 **Article 14. Special Benefits Districts**

10 **Subtitle 1. Downtown Management District**

11 **§ 1-3. District created; boundaries.**

12 (a) *In general.*

13 (1) Pursuant to the Enabling Legislation, and within THE boundaries [that are] authorized
14 by [such laws] THAT LAW, [there is hereby created a district to be known as] the
15 “Downtown Management District” IS CREATED[.].

16 (2) [within the] THE boundaries OF THE DISTRICT ARE AS set forth on Exhibit A [and
17 Exhibit A-1] to this subtitle [(which are part hereof)].

18 **Exhibit A. District Boundaries**

19 The Boundaries of the Downtown Management District are:

20 Beginning at the point of intersection of the center lines of Greene Street and
21 Saratoga Street; then, east along the center line of Saratoga Street to a point of
22 intersection with [an alley located immediately west of Howard Street]
23 EUTAW STREET; then north along the [center line of said alley] WEST SIDE OF
24 EUTAW STREET (AND ENCOMPASSING ALL PROPERTIES BINDING ON THE WEST
25 SIDE OF EUTAW STREET) to intersect with the center line of MARTIN LUTHER
26 KING, JR. BOULEVARD; THEN NORTHEAST ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF
27 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOULEVARD TO INTERSECT WITH THE CENTER LINE
28 OF READ STREET; THEN SOUTHEAST ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF READ STREET
29 TO INTERSECT THE CENTER LINE OF PARK AVENUE; THEN SOUTH ALONG THE
30 CENTER LINE OF PARK AVENUE TO INTERSECT THE CENTER LINE OF Franklin
31 Street; then east along the center line of Franklin Street to intersect with the
32 property line between Lot 4 and Lot 5 of Block 551; then north along that
33 property line continuing across Hamilton Street to intersect with the center
34 line of W. Centre Street; then east on Centre Street to intersect with the center
35 line of I-83; then south and southeast on I-83 to intersect with the center line
36 of the Fallsway; then south on the center line of the Fallsway to a point of
37 intersection with the center line of Pratt Street; then west along the center line
38 of Pratt Street to the center line of Light Street; then south on the center line

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1 of Light Street to intersect with the center line of Lee Street; then west on Lee
2 Street to intersect with the center line of Charles Street; then north on Charles
3 Street to intersect with the center fine of Conway Street; then west along the
4 center line of Conway Street to the center line of Sharp Street; then north on
5 the center line of Sharp Street to intersect with the center line of Camden
6 Street; then west along the center line of Camden Street TO AND PAST PACA
7 STREET AND CONTINUING WEST ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF WASHINGTON
8 BOULEVARD to intersect with the center line of Greene Street; then north
9 along the center line of Greene Street to the point of beginning.

10 **[Exhibit A-1. Adjacent Area]**

11 [Adjacent Area A-1 is hereby defined as that area bounded generally by
12 Franklin Street to the south, Eutaw Street to the west, Martin Luther King, Jr.
13 Boulevard and Read Street to the north. and Park Avenue to the east. As of
14 January 1, 1993, the Downtown Management District shall be automatically
15 expanded to encompass and include adjacent Area A-1.]

16 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
17 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
18 Ordinance.

19 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance is contingent on the
20 successful completion of a protest period and, if required, referendum. The procedures for this
21 protest period and referendum shall be substantially comparable to those provided in City Code
22 Article 14, § 1-19, but with participation limited to the owners of the properties being added to
23 the District by this Ordinance. If a dispute or uncertainty arises in the application or conduct of
24 those procedures, the Board of Estimates shall resolve the dispute or uncertainty and its decision
25 is final.

26 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
27 after the date it is enacted, subject to the contingency specified in Section 3.