

CITY OF BALTIMORE
RESOLUTION _____
Council Bill 25-0102

Introduced by: Councilmembers Ramos and Jones
Cosponsored by: Councilmember Parker
At the request of: Charles Village Community Benefits District and Management Authority
Introduced and read first time: October 20, 2025
Assigned to: Housing and Economic Development Committee
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Read second time: February 9, 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONCERNING

**Charles Village Community Benefits District
and Management Authority**

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3 FOR the purpose of renewing and continuing the Charles Village Community Benefits District
4 and Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to
5 the activities and authority of the Charles Village Community Benefits District and
6 Management Authority.

Recitals

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8 The Charles Village Community Benefits District (the “District”) and its Management
9 Authority (the “Authority”) were created by Ordinance 94-414 pursuant to authorization from
10 the Maryland General Assembly that allowed the City to create community benefits districts.
11 (*See* 1994 Md. Laws ch. 732.)

12 In 1997, the General Assembly passed a law requiring that only it may reauthorize
13 community benefit districts, but in 2000 transferred the reauthorization function to the Mayor
14 and City Council. (*See* 1997 Md. Laws ch. 655; 2000 Md. Laws ch. 89. *See also* 2000 Md.
15 Laws ch. 475; 2018 Md. Laws chs. 226 and 227.)

16 In 1998, in accordance with then City Charter Article II, § 63, and Ordinance 94-414, the
17 Mayor and City Council adopted Resolution 98-011 to continue the District and its Authority
18 through June 30, 2002. Resolution 98-011 further provided that, no later than 4 years after
19 June 30, 2002, the City Council should hold a public hearing to evaluate the activities and
20 undertakings of the District and the Authority and, in accordance with the procedures set forth in
21 Article II, § 63, and Ordinance 94-414 (now codified in City Code Article 14, Subtitle 6),
22 determine whether the District and Authority should be further continued.

23 In 2000, after the passage of Resolution 98-011, the General Assembly amended Article II,
24 § 63, to require that the Mayor and City Council “review and determine the desirability of
25 continuing” the District “every 4 years . . . beginning with the first meeting of the Mayor and City
26 Council in December 2002”. (Art. II, § 63(h)(1)(i), as enacted by 2000 Md. Laws ch. 89.)

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.

RULE 12-2 ✪ THIRD READER
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DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

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1 In 2002, given the imminent expiration of the District and its Authority on June 30, 2002 (per
2 Resolution 98-011), coupled with the requirement to begin a new 4-year review cycle starting
3 in December 2002 (per 2000 Md. Laws ch. 89), the Mayor and City Council adopted
4 Resolution 02-028 as an interim measure, continuing the District and its Authority for 1 year,
5 through June 30, 2003, with any further continuation to be subject to a subsequent review
6 beginning at its first meeting in December 2002.

7 In 2003, the General Assembly further amended Article II, § 63, to retroactively clarify the
8 authority conferred on the Mayor and City Council in continuing the existence of community
9 benefit districts or to allow them to expire, to ratify and confirm all acts of the Mayor and City
10 Council prior to January 1, 2003, that related to the continued and continuous existence of and
11 the exercise of these authorities, including the continuous existence of the District and its
12 Authority, and to clarify that the 4-year review cycles required under Article II, § 63 “begi[n]
13 with the first meeting of the Mayor and City Council in December 2001”. (Art. II, § 63(h)(1)(i),
14 as amended by 2003 Md. Laws ch. 475.)

15 In 2003, by Ordinance 03-574, the Mayor and City Council continued the District and its
16 Authority through June 30, 2006. In 2006, by Resolution 06-012, the Mayor and City Council
17 again continued the District and its Authority through June 30, 2010. In 2010, by
18 Resolution 10-22, the Mayor and City Council again continued the District and its Authority
19 through June 30, 2014. In 2014, by Resolution 14-15, the Mayor and City Council again
20 continued the District and its Authority through June 30, 2018. In 2018, by Resolution 18-06,
21 the Mayor and City Council again continued the District and its Authority through June 30, 2022.
22 In 2022, by Resolution 22-141, the Mayor and City Council again continued the District and its
23 Authority through June 30, 2026.

24 In a subsequent review, the City Council found that the Authority continues to initiate and
25 carry out numerous activities and undertakings in compliance with City Charter Article II, § 63,
26 and City Code Article 14, Subtitle 6, including the implementation of public safety programs, a
27 sanitation and maintenance program, and a community promotion program. All of these
28 programs support the redevelopment of the Charles Village area and address problems within the
29 District.

30 Based on this review, the City Council finds that the renewal and continuation of the District
31 and its Authority are in the best interest of the citizens of Baltimore.

32 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
33 Charles Village Community Benefits District and Management Authority are continued through
34 June 30, 2030.

35 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That, beginning at its first meeting in
36 December 2029, the Mayor and City Council shall review and determine the desirability of
37 continuing the District and the Authority beyond June 30, 2030.

38 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution takes effect on the 30th day
39 after the date it is enacted.

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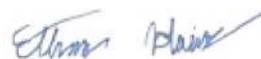
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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 24th day of February, 2026



Chief Clerk

Approved this 24 day of February, 2026



Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency,

this 24th day of February, 2026



Chief Solicitor