

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 13-0189  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft, Clarke, Curran, Henry, Mosby, Cole

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2013

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation, Baltimore Development Corporation

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Historical and Architectural Preservation Districts – Designation Process**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying the process by which an Historical and Architectural District is  
4 proposed and designated; and generally relating to historical and architectural preservation.

5 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

6 Article 6 - Historical and Architectural Preservation

7 Section(s) 3-1

8 Baltimore City Code

9 (Edition 2000)

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

12 **Baltimore City Code**

13 **Article 6. Historical and Architectural Preservation**

14 **Subtitle 3. Process for Designating Districts and Properties**

15 **§ 3-1. Designation of Districts.**

16 (a) *Commission may propose.*

17 On recommendation of the Baltimore City Planning Commission, and after making a full  
18 and proper study, the Commission may:

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

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1 (1) propose as an Historical and Architectural Preservation District any area in  
2 Baltimore City in which are located structures that have historical, cultural,  
3 educational, or architectural value, the preservation of which is considered to be  
4 for the educational, cultural, economic, and general welfare of the inhabitants of  
5 the City; and

6 (2) [determine] PROPOSE the boundary lines of that District.

7 (b) *Introduction of proposed ordinance.*

8 After an area has been so [designated and its boundary lines have been determined]  
9 PROPOSED, the Commission shall:

10 (1) prepare an ordinance to set forth the boundary lines of the area that it recommends  
11 be declared an Historical and Architectural Preservation District; and

12 (2) cause that ordinance to be introduced in the City Council for appropriate action.

13 (c) *Hearing.*

14 The ordinance may not be passed by the City Council until the City Council has given  
15 notice that the proposal is pending and has held a hearing on it. For this purpose, the  
16 Commission shall comply with the notice and hearing requirements of Zoning Code Title  
17 16 {"Legislative Authorizations and Amendments"} for proposed changes in zoning  
18 classifications.

19 (d) *Ordinance required.*

20 No area may become an Historical and Architectural Preservation District unless it has  
21 been so designated by an ordinance of the Mayor and City Council.

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

25 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
26 after the date it is enacted.