

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 22-0194
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Ramos, Stokes
At the request of: Charles Village Community Benefits District and Management Authority
Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2022
Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

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

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 AN RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

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

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

8 **Recitals**

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

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

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

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

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

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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 Ch. 89, Acts of 2000), the Mayor and City Council adopted Resolution
4 02-028 as an interim measure, continuing the District and its Authority for 1 year, through
5 June 30, 2003, with any further continuation to be subject to a subsequent review beginning at its
6 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 Ch. 475, Acts of 2003.)

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 Resolution
18 10-22, the Mayor and City Council again continued the District and its Authority through
19 June 30, 2014. In 2014, by Resolution 14-15, the Mayor and City Council again continued the
20 District and its Authority through June 30, 2018. And, in 2018, by Resolution 18-06, the Mayor
21 and City Council again continued the District and its Authority through June 30, 2022.

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

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

30 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
31 Charles Village Community Benefits District and its Management Authority are continued
32 through June 30, 2026.

33 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That, beginning at its first meeting in
34 December 2025, the Mayor and City Council shall review and determine the desirability of
35 continuing the District and its Authority beyond June 30, 2026.

36 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution takes effect on the date it
37 is enacted.