

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 22-0194**

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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

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Committee Report: Favorable  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: April 25, 2022

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**AN RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

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.

**EXPLANATION:** CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by  
amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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1 In 2000, after the passage of Resolution 98-011, the General Assembly amended Article II,  
2 § 63, to require that the Mayor and City Council “review and determine the desirability of  
3 continuing” the District “every 4 years . . . beginning with the first meeting of the Mayor and City  
4 Council in December 2002”. (Art. II, § 63(h)(1)(i), as enacted by Ch. 89, Acts of 2000.)

5 In 2002, given the imminent expiration of the District and its Authority on June 30, 2002 (per  
6 Resolution 98-011), coupled with the requirement to begin a new 4-year review cycle starting  
7 in December 2002 (per Ch. 89, Acts of 2000), the Mayor and City Council adopted Resolution  
8 02-028 as an interim measure, continuing the District and its Authority for 1 year, through  
9 June 30, 2003, with any further continuation to be subject to a subsequent review beginning at its  
10 first meeting in December 2002.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City