



BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Bill: 22-0228

Midtown Community Benefits District - Amendment

Sponsor: Councilmember Costello

Introduced: April 25, 2022

Purpose:

For the purpose of altering the boundaries of the Midtown Community Benefits District; amending the composition of the District’s Board of Directors; revising the enforcement of taxing; adjusting the allowable rate of Supplementary Tax; and generally relating to the Midtown Community Benefits District.

Effective: The 30th day after the date of enactment.

Agency Reports

City Solicitor	
Department of Planning	
Baltimore Development Corporation	
Department of Housing and Community Development	
Department of Finance	
Department of Public Works	
Board of Estimates	

Analysis

Current Law

Article I4 – Special Benefits Districts; , Sections 7-2(a), 7(-6e), and 7-8(b) and (c); Baltimore City Code (Editin2000)

Background

The Midtown Community Benefits District (MCBD) was created in 1995 via enabling legislation authorized by the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore. MCBD provides supplemental services including vacuuming streets and cleaning sidewalks, alley maintenance, public space maintenance (17 acres of park spaces), tree plantings, and providing safety patrols.

MCBD is a 144-block area in central Baltimore. The area is comprised of four communities: Bolton Hill, Charles North, Madison Park, and Mount Vernon. There is a mixture of commercial and residential uses in the area.

MCBD is a special taxing district. Property owners pay a surcharge on Baltimore City property taxes to fund cleaning, greening, security services and neighborhood advocacy. The surcharge is based upon a property's assessed value. The current surcharge is \$0.132 per \$100.

MCBD is run by a Board of Directors composed of a variety of stakeholders from all four communities and organizations throughout the district. The Board sets policy and priorities, including the annual budget for the District.

Bill 22-0228 proposes:

- to alter the boundaries of MCBD
- amend the composition of the Board of Directors
- revise enforcement of taxing
- adjust allowable rate of supplementary tax

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: Not Available

Information Source(s): Bill 22-0228; Baltimore City Code; Midtown Community Benefits District website.

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