



BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Bill: 22-0281

Urban Renewal - Middle East - Amendment ____

Sponsor: *President – Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development)*

Introduced: *September 19, 2022*

Purpose:

For the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Middle East to extend the life of the Plan, and to remove certain properties from the list in Appendices A, C, and D; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

Effective: The date of enactment.

Agency Reports

City Solicitor	Favorable/Comments
Department of Housing and Community Development	Favorable
Baltimore Development Corporation	No Objection
Department of Public Works	No Objection
Department of Transportation	
Planning Commission	Favorable
Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation	No Objection
Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals	Defers to Planning

Analysis

Current Law

Article 13 - Housing and Urban Renewal; Section 2-6; Baltimore City Code; (Edition 2000)

Background

Urban Renewal Plans (URP), which are adopted by the Mayor and City Council, set forth redevelopment goals, design guidelines, land use restrictions, as well as authority for property acquisition and disposition. URPs are often used by urban centers to generate financing for community improvements and the creation of jobs and income.

The Maryland Annotated Code requires all Urban Renewal Plans (URPs) that have designated properties for acquisition and disposition that have not yet been acted upon to be expressly confirmed and reauthorized every four years, for the life of the URP. The Middle East Urban Renewal Plan was established in 1979 via Ordinance 79-1202. Any changes to the URP must be approved by the Mayor and City Council.

Bill 22-0281 proposes to amend the current URP to:

- allow acquisition of certain properties within the project area for an additional four years, which is through and including December 31, 2026;
- delete certain properties from the Plan;
- allow the Plan to remain in full force and effect through and including December 31, 2026; and
- provide for a special effective date.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: Not Available

Information Source(s): Reporting Agencies, Bill 22-0281

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