



**BILL SYNOPSIS**

**Committee: Economic and Community Development**

**Bill: 22-0284**

---

**Sarah Ann Street Historic District**

---

**Sponsor:** *Bullock*

**Introduced:** *September 19, 2022*

**Purpose:**

For the purpose of designating the area located within certain boundaries as the Sarah Ann Street Historic District.

**Effective:** The 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted

---

**Agency Reports**

City Solicitor	Favorable
Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation	Favorable
Planning Commission	Favorable
Department of Housing and Community Development	
Baltimore Development Corporation	Favorable
Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals	Defers to Planning
Parking Authority of Baltimore City	Not Opposed

---

## Analysis

### Current Law

Baltimore City Code; Article 6 – Historical and Architectural Preservation; Subtitle 3; Section 3-1; Ordinance and Finding Requirements.

In general, an ordinance of the Mayor and City Council is required to designate any area as an Historical and Architectural Preservation District. The ordinance must be supported by written findings of fact that the proposed District and its boundaries will comply with:

- (1) the requirements for Local Government Certification under the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C., Chapter 1A, Subchapter II);
- (2) the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Identification and Registration; and
- (3) the Commission’s own Historic Preservation Procedures and Guidelines.

### Background

Bill 22-0284 proposes to designate properties located within certain boundaries as the Sarah Ann Street Historic District. The 1100 block of Sarah Ann Street lies between West Mulberry Street on the north, West Saratoga Street on the south, North Arlington Avenue on the East; and Carrollton Avenue on the West. Sarah Ann Street is a historic alley street. The rowhouse properties are located in West Baltimore in the Poppleton neighborhood.

The historic designation proposal consists of a total of 13 properties (1102 -1124 Sarah Ann Street and 321 and 323 Carrollton Avenue). The properties, built in 1870, represent historical housing and home ownership of African Americans over a period from 1870 to 1970. The properties also represent a unique and intact building type known as alley houses, a rare survivor of Baltimore’s 19<sup>th</sup> Century working-class houses. There are eleven (11) two-story and one (1) three-story rowhouse structures on Sarah Ann Street. Two (2) three-story properties located on the 300 block of North Carrollton Avenue are also proposed for inclusion in the historic district designation.

---

## Additional Information

**Fiscal Note:** Not Available

**Information Source(s):** Reporting Agencies and Bill 22-0284

---

Analysis by: Jennifer L. Coates

Direct Inquiries to: 410-396-1260

Analysis Date: January 19, 2023