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**The Honorable Eric T. Costello
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PUBLIC HEARING

**Tuesday, July 2, 2024
10:13 AM**

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Council Bill #24-0518

**South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and Management
Authority – Renewal Through June 30, 2028**

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Ways and Means

Bill: 24-0518

**South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and Management Authority –
 Renewal Through June 30, 2028**

Sponsor: *Chairman Costello & Councilmember Porter*

Introduced: *April 15, 2024*

FOR the purpose of reviewing, renewing, and continuing the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority.

Effective: Date enacted.

Agency Reports

Law	None as of writing
Department of Finance	None as of writing
Department of Transportation	None as of writing
City Administrator	None as of writing
Department of Housing and Community Development	Favorable
Department of Planning	None as of writing
Baltimore Development Corporation	Favorable
Department of Public Works	None as of writing
Board of Estimates	Must be approved by BOE

Analysis

Current Law

Article II - General Powers

Section §69, South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Authority

Subsections (a) – (h)

Baltimore City Charter

(1996 Edition)

Article II - General Powers

Section §63, Community Benefits District Authorities

Baltimore City Charter

(1996 Edition)

(g) *Periodic review – General*

(1)The Mayor and City Council shall review the effectiveness and desirability of continuing the existence of any district established under this section every 4 years from the enactment of the ordinance.

Article 14 - Special Benefits Districts,

Sections 19-1 to 19-17

“Subtitle 19. South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District”

Baltimore City Code

(Edition 2000)

Background

In 2016, the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and Management Authority was designed to help implement the South Baltimore Gateway Master Plan, and promote and market the District in the area surrounding the Casino, using impact funds. Since 2017, the State of Maryland has directed one-half or 50% of local impact grant funds, which is a term used for tax on revenues from electronic slot machines from casinos, to this program. The South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and Management Authority utilizes the funds to empower and improve the community.

According to Article 14, Special Benefits Districts, Subtitle 19, and the Baltimore City Charter, the Mayor and City Council must review the effectiveness and desirability of continuing the existence of this district every 4 years from the enactment of the ordinance. The South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and Management Authority was established under Ordinance 16-509 on August 29, 2016. The District’s 2nd 4-year term is set to end on August 29, 2024, if not renewed. On Tuesday, July 2, 2024, the Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing on Council Bill 24-0518, which seeks to renew the District’s 4-year term through June 30, 2028.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note:

Information Source(s): 24-0518, Baltimore City Code, City Charter, and all agency reports received as of this writing.

Analysis by: Niya N. Garrett
Analysis Date: June 27, 2024

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Agency Report

SEE ATTACHED



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Alice Kennedy, Housing Commissioner 
DATE	June 17, 2024
SUBJECT	24-0518 South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and Management Authority - Renewal Through June 30, 2028

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

7/2/2024

Position: Favorable

Introduction

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 24-0518 for the purpose of reviewing, renewing, and continuing the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority.

If enacted, City Council Bill 24-0518 would extend the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority through June 30, 2028. It is presently set to expire on August 29, 2024. If approved, this legislation will become effective the day of its enactment.

DHCD Analysis

The South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and Management Authority was designed to help implement the South Baltimore Gateway Master Plan and promote and market the District in the area surrounding the Casino, using impact funds. They work in partnership with the city to split Baltimore's share of the Local Impact Grants and undertake activities such as awarding Community Grants that directly empower communities in qualifying neighborhoods, providing enhanced maintenance and security services that improve quality of life and championing major Transformational Projects to improve the District as a whole.

DHCD supports the Mayor and City Council in their efforts to review the effectiveness and desirability of continuing the existence of the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority.

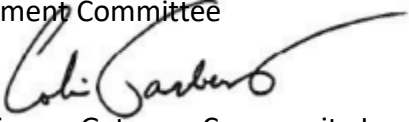
Portions of the Community Impact District are within DHCD's Southwest Impact Investment Area and several Community Development Zones. We recognize the need for the timely passage of this Ordinance as the City Charter requires such a review to occur every 4 years from the original enactment of the enabling legislation, which was on August 29, 2016 and has been extended twice. DHCD does not anticipate an operational or fiscal impact from the passage of this Bill.

Conclusion

DHCD respectfully request a **favorable** report on City Council Bill 24-0518.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 11th 2024
TO: Economic & Community Development Committee
FROM: Colin Tarbert, President and CEO
POSITION: Favorable
SUBJECT: Council Bill #24-0518- South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District & Management Authority – Renewal Through June 30th 2028



INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill #24-0518 introduced by Councilmembers Costello & Porter

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bill is to review and reauthorize the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and South Baltimore Community Impact Management Authority.

BRIEF HISTORY

The original ordinance (Council Bill #16-509) which established the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and the South Baltimore Community Impact District Management Authority requires that a periodic review be conducted by the Mayor and City Council every four years to determine the effectiveness and desirability of the Impact District and Management Authority and authorize its continuation for another four-year period. This review has been completed, and the renewal of the District and Authority has been approved, thereby triggering the formal introduction of this reauthorizing legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation respectfully submits a **favorable** report on City Council Bill #24-0518. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or KClark@baltimoredevelopment.com.

cc: Nina Themelis, Mayor's Office of Government Relations
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**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 24-0518
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Costello and Porter
At the request of: South Baltimore Gateway Partnership
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Introduced and read first time: April 15, 2024

Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Office of the City Administrator, Department of Housing and Community Development, Planning Commission, Board of Estimates, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Department of Public Works

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL concerning

2 **South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and Management Authority –**
3 **Renewal Through June 30, 2028**

4 FOR the purpose of reviewing, renewing, and continuing the South Baltimore Gateway
5 Community Impact District and the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District
6 Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the
7 activities and authority of the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District and the
8 South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority.

9 **Recitals**

10 By the authority of City Charter Article II, § 69, the Mayor and City Council, through the
11 enactment of Ordinance 16-509 on August 29, 2016 (the “enabling legislation”), codified in City
12 Code Article 14, Subtitle 19, established the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact
13 District (the “District”) and the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District
14 Management Authority (the “Authority”), subject to certain terms, conditions, and limitations.

15 Article II, § 63(g) {“Periodic review – general”} of the Charter requires that the Mayor and
16 City Council renew the effectiveness and desirability of continuing the existence of the District
17 and the Authority every 4 years from the enactment of the Ordinance. More specifically, § 19-16
18 of Article 14 provides that, no later than 4 years after the establishment of the District, and every
19 4 years following, the Mayor and City Council shall “hold 1 or more public hearings to evaluate
20 the activities and undertakings of the Authority and the District. [. . . and] [a]t the conclusion of
21 the hearings [. . .] shall determine whether the District is to continue for another 4 years.”

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

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1 As established by Ordinance 16-509 on August 29, 2016, the enabling legislation required the
2 first review of the District and the Authority by August 29, 2020, with each subsequent review
3 following 4 years thereafter.

4 As of August 2020, due to the continuing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of
5 Maryland was operating under a State of Emergency. The State of Emergency was originally
6 declared by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. on March 5, 2020, ending July 1, 2021. Under the
7 State of Emergency, Governor Hogan issued an Executive Order on March 12, 2020, as
8 continued and amended from time to time, "Ordering Extending Certain Licenses, Permits,
9 Registrations, and Other Government Authorizations, and Authorizing Suspension of Legal Time
10 Requirements". Under the authority of this Executive Order the periodic review of the District
11 and Authority was then considered postponed until after the end of the State of Emergency, and
12 at such a time when the Mayor and City Council were able to properly conduct the required
13 review.

14 The first review, renewal, and continuance of the District and the Authority was not
15 completed until Ordinance 22-127 was enacted and made effective as of April 4, 2022.

16 Now, in keeping with the original intent of the enabling legislation, the Mayor and City
17 Council now seek to review, renew, and continue the District and Authority before the
18 termination of the 2nd 4-year term ending on August 29, 2024.

19 For the purposes of determining whether to again renew and continue the District and the
20 Authority, the City Council has held a hearing, as required by Article 14, § 19-16.

21 The Mayor and City Council have undertaken the requisite quadrennial review for a proposed
22 4-year renewal period. Based on their review of the activities and undertakings of the District and
23 Authority, the Mayor and City Council find that the renewal and continuation of the District and
24 the Authority are in the best interest of the citizens of Baltimore.

25 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That,
26 beginning at its second meeting in April 2024, the Mayor and City Council shall review and
27 determine the desirability of continuing the District and the Authority.

28 **SECTION 2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That, if
29 the Mayor and City Council find that it is desirable for the District and Authority to continue, the
30 District and the Authority shall be renewed and continued for an additional 4 years, backdating
31 from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028.

32 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution of the Mayor and City
33 Council takes effect on the date it is enacted.