

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 24-0593

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AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

1 **Ordinance 24-362 – Revenue Obligations – Water Projects – Repeal and Replace**

2 FOR the purpose of repealing and replacing Ordinance 24-362 due to clerical error; maintaining
3 the City’s authorization to issue revenue obligations within the maximum aggregate principal
4 amount of the revenue obligations that may be outstanding authorized and calculated, as of
5 June 30 of each year by the City to finance or refinance water facilities and, in that
6 connection, amending and restating Ordinance 02-331, as amended by Ordinances 04-687,
7 7-420, 11-429, and 14-292; authorizing the Board of Finance to specify, prescribe, determine,
8 provide for, approve, and amend the form, terms, provisions, manner or method of issuing
9 and selling, the time or times of issuance, and all other details of the revenue obligations and
10 any other matters necessary or desirable in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale,
11 and payment of these revenue obligations; providing for a special effective date; and
12 generally relating to the issuance and payment of revenue obligations.

13 BY repealing
14 Ordinance 24-362

15 BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments,
16 Ordinance 02-331, as amended by Ordinances 04-687, 07-420, 11-429, and 14-292

17 BY authority of
18 Article II - General Powers
19 Section (50)
20 Baltimore City Charter

21 and

22 Article - Local Government
23 Title 19
24 Annotated Code of Maryland

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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Recitals

2 Ordinance 02-331 authorizes the City to issue from time to time its revenue obligations to
3 finance water facilities within the geographical limits of the City’s water system. The
4 maximum aggregate principal amount of revenue obligations authorized to be outstanding, as
5 of June 30 of each year, under Ordinance 02-331, as last amended by Ordinance 14-292, is
6 \$2,152,000,000.

7 Certain recent events have occurred that affect aggregate principal amount of revenue
8 obligations that may be required to finance water facilities, including (without limitation) an
9 increase in the number of water facilities that the City may desire to finance with the
10 proceeds of revenue obligations. The current means for calculating the revenue obligations
11 outstanding does not take into account the repayment of prior revenue obligations thereby
12 impairing the City’s ability to issue new revenue obligations within the maximum amount
13 authorized.

14 In addition, it is in the best interest of the City to amend and restate Ordinance 02-331 to
15 authorize the Board of Finance to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for, approve, and
16 amend, from time to time, the form, terms, provisions, manner or method of issuing and
17 selling the revenue obligations (including negotiated as well as competitive bid sales), time or
18 times of issuance, security for the revenue obligations, and all other details of the revenue
19 obligations and other matters necessary or desirable in connection with the authorization,
20 issuance, sale, and payment of the revenue obligations and to do all things necessary, proper,
21 or expedient in connection with the issuance and sale of the revenue obligations.

22 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
23 Ordinance 24-362 is repealed, and the authority conferred in that Ordinance is rescinded.

24 **SECTION 2. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That
25 Ordinance 02-331, as amended by Ordinances 04-687, 07-420, 11-429, and 14-292, is repealed,
26 re-ordained, and amended to read as follows:

27 SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That, in
28 addition to any other terms defined elsewhere in this Ordinance, the following terms have
29 the meanings indicated:

30 (a) *[1990 Resolution] 2002 RESOLUTION.*

31 “[1990] 2002 Resolution” means the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore AMENDED
32 AND RESTATED Water Projects Resolution adopted by the Board of Finance [June 6,
33 1990] APRIL 15, 2002, pursuant to Ordinance [90-495] 02-331, as amended, restated,
34 and supplemented from time to time.

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1 (b) *Administrative Resolution.*

2 “Administrative Resolution” means, collectively:

3 (1) the [1990] 2002 Resolution; and

4 (2) any other resolution or resolutions adopted by the Board of Finance under this
5 Ordinance.

6 (c) *Capital receipts.*

7 “Capital receipts” means all receipts deposited in the Water Capital Fund or any other
8 fund for capital projects designated under the Administrative Resolution, including
9 revenues, receipts from federal grants, State of Maryland grants, county grants
10 (including contributions for service), private grants, State of Maryland loans, City
11 general obligation loan funds, proceeds of the revenue obligations, and all other
12 receipts dedicated to particular capital projects of the water utility.

13 (d) *Costs of issuance.*

14 “Costs of issuance” means the costs of issuing any series of revenue obligations,
15 including costs of engraving, printing, and advertising, attorneys fees, underwriting
16 discount, placement fees, consultants fees, bond insurance fees, rating agency fees,
17 initial fees for letters of credit or lines of credit, initial fees of the Trustee, and all
18 other incidental expenses.

19 (e) *Credit facility.*

20 “Credit facility” means any liquidity facility, letter of credit, bond insurance policy,
21 bond purchase agreement, guaranty, line of credit, surety bond, or similar credit or
22 liquidity facility securing any revenue obligation or other indebtedness of the City.

23 (f) *Enabling Laws.*

24 “Enabling Laws” means:

25 (1) City Charter Article II, § (50); and

26 (2) State Code, [Article 31, § 12] LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TITLE 19.

27 (g) *Financed facilities.*

28 “Financed facilities” means water utility capital projects that are financed with
29 proceeds of revenue obligations and are either:

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1 (1) appropriated in any past or the current Ordinance of Estimates (as of the date
2 of issuance of any series of revenue obligations);

3 (2) included, from time to time, in the City’s 6-year capital program (or
4 comparable document, from time to time);

5 (3) contained in any supplemental appropriation approved from time to time by
6 the Mayor and City Council; or

7 (4) the subjects of transfer from existing appropriations in the Ordinance of
8 Estimates, as approved from time to time by the Board of Estimates.

9 (h) *Includes; including.*

10 “Includes” or “including” means by way of illustration and not by way of limitation.

11 (i) *Indebtedness.*

12 “Indebtedness” means any indebtedness or liability for borrowed money, any
13 installment sale obligation, or any obligation under any financing lease, sale
14 leaseback, or similar transaction capitalized under generally accepted accounting
15 principles that, by law or contract, the City may be obligated to pay from the Water
16 Operating Fund.

17 (j) *Liquidity facility.*

18 “Liquidity facility” means a written commitment to provide money to purchase or
19 retire any indebtedness if:

20 (1) on the date of the commitment’s delivery, the unsecured indebtedness of the
21 provider of the commitment is rated by any two rating agencies in one of the
22 two highest rating categories; and

23 (2) as of any particular date of determination, not more than 10% of any amount
24 realized under the commitment for the payment of the principal or the
25 purchase or redemption price of the indebtedness (exclusive of amounts
26 realized for the payment of accrued interest on the indebtedness) is required to
27 be repaid by the City within the next 12 months.

28 (k) *Operating revenues.*

29 “Operating revenues” means all income, revenue, receipts, and other money deposited
30 in the Water Operating Fund, including revenues of the water utility arising from rates
31 and charges established by the City, all amounts derived by the City from the
32 ownership and operation of the water utility, all accounts, general intangibles, and
33 contract or other rights to receive them, and the proceeds of any of these, but
34 exclusive of capital receipts.

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1 (l) *Refunding revenue bond.*

2 “Refunding revenue bond” means any bond issued under this Ordinance as a
3 refunding, renewal, or refinancing bond, including any parity bond issued under any
4 ordinance supplemental to this Ordinance.

5 (m) *Refunding revenue note.*

6 “Refunding revenue note” means any note or other indebtedness issued under this
7 Ordinance as a refunding, renewal, or refinancing note or indebtedness, including any
8 parity note issued under any ordinance supplemental to this Ordinance.

9 (n) *Refunding obligations.*

10 “Refunding obligations” means refunding revenue notes and refunding revenue
11 bonds, collectively.

12 (o) *Revenue bond.*

13 “Revenue bond” means any revenue bond issued under this Ordinance, including any
14 parity revenue bond issued under any ordinance supplemental to this Ordinance.

15 (p) *Revenue note.*

16 “Revenue note” means any revenue note or other indebtedness issued under this
17 Ordinance, including any parity revenue note or indebtedness issued under any
18 ordinance supplemental to this Ordinance.

19 (q) *Revenue obligations.*

20 “Revenue obligations” means revenue notes, revenue bonds, refunding revenue notes,
21 and refunding revenue bonds, collectively.

22 (r) *Trustee.*

23 “Trustee” means:

24 (1) the bank, trust company, or national banking association appointed under the
25 Administrative Resolution as trustee for any revenue obligations; and

26 (2) its successors and any other entity that is substituted in its place in accordance
27 with the Administrative Resolution.

28 (s) *Water Capital Fund.*

29 “Water Capital Fund” means the fund of the City to which capital receipts are
30 credited.

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1 (t) *Water facilities.*

2 “Water facilities” means all water facilities of the City, including financed facilities.

3 (u) *Water Operating Fund.*

4 “Water Operating Fund” means the fund of the City to which operating revenues
5 are credited.

6 (v) *Water utility.*

7 “Water utility” means the water utility operated under City Charter Article VI, § 18.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:

9 (a) [Revenue obligations may be issued from time to time in an aggregate principal
10 amount not to exceed \$2,152,000,000 for the general public purposes of financing or
11 refinancing the cost of the financed facilities and repaying the City for amounts
12 expended on financed facilities in anticipation of the issuance of the revenue
13 obligations.] THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF REVENUE OBLIGATIONS IS
14 HEREBY AUTHORIZED FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF FINANCING OR REFINANCING THE
15 COST OF THE FINANCED FACILITIES AND REPAYING THE CITY FOR AMOUNTS EXPENDED
16 ON FINANCED FACILITIES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE REVENUE
17 OBLIGATIONS, PROVIDED THAT AS OF JUNE 30 OF EACH YEAR THE AGGREGATE
18 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE OBLIGATIONS OUTSTANDING MAY NOT EXCEED
19 \$2,152,000,000.

20 (b) These revenue obligations may comprise any combination of (i) revenue notes,
21 (ii) revenue bonds, (iii) refunding revenue notes, and (iv) refunding revenue bonds.

22 (c) Refunding obligations issued under this Ordinance to refund any revenue obligations
23 previously issued under this Ordinance replace that portion of the authorized amount
24 previously issued and does not reduce the maximum authorized amount of revenue
25 obligations permitted to be issued under this Ordinance.

26 (d) THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE OBLIGATIONS AUTHORIZED TO BE
27 ISSUED UNDER THIS ORDINANCE MUST BE RESTORED BY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE
28 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE OBLIGATIONS PAID, PURCHASED, CANCELLED OR
29 OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR WHENEVER:

30 (1) THE PRINCIPAL OF ANY REVENUE OBLIGATIONS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED IS PAID,
31 WHETHER AT MATURITY, ON REDEMPTION OR OTHERWISE;

32 (2) ANY REVENUE OBLIGATIONS ARE PURCHASED AND CANCELLED; OR

33 (3) PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF ANY REVENUE OBLIGATIONS IS PROVIDED FOR
34 IN A MANNER THAT MAKES THE REVENUE OBLIGATIONS NO LONGER
35 OUTSTANDING UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION OR
36 ANY TRUST AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS ORDINANCE.

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1 [(1) Paragraph (2) of this subsection (d) applies whenever:

2 (i) the principal of any revenue obligations previously issued is paid, whether at
3 maturity, on redemption, or otherwise;

4 (ii) any revenue obligations are purchased and cancelled; or

5 (iii) payment of the principal of any revenue obligations is provided for in a
6 manner that makes the revenue obligations no longer outstanding under the
7 terms of the Administrative Resolution.]

8 [(2) In a situation described in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the principal amount
9 of revenue obligations authorized to be issued under this Ordinance is reduced by
10 an amount equal to the principal amount of revenue obligations paid, purchased
11 and cancelled, or otherwise provided for.]

12 (e) The amount of any credit facility and of any revenue obligation issued to evidence the
13 indebtedness for borrowed money or the liability for that credit facility does not
14 reduce the maximum authorized amount of revenue obligations permitted to be issued
15 under this Ordinance.

16 (f) In connection with the issuance of capital appreciation revenue obligations,
17 compound interest revenue obligations, or similar types of revenue obligations, the
18 principal amount of those revenue obligations, for purposes of determining the
19 remaining authorized amount permitted to be issued, is the principal amount
20 outstanding on the date of their issuance.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:

22 (a) The revenue notes, revenue bonds, or refunding obligations, as the case may be, may
23 be issued in one or more series from time to time.

24 (b) Unless otherwise specified in the Administrative Resolution, each series [shall] MUST
25 be identified by a year and a letter designation. Thus, for example, the first series in
26 the year [2002] 2021 (if more than one series of notes or bonds is issued in the year
27 [2002] 2021) [shall] MUST be designated “Revenue Notes (Water Projects), Series
28 [2002-A] 2021-A”; “Revenue Bonds (Water Projects), Series [2002-A] 2021-A”;
29 “Refunding Revenue Notes (Water Projects), Series [2002-A] 2021-A”; or
30 “Refunding Revenue Bonds (Water Projects), Series [2002-A] 2021-A”.

31 (c) The aggregate principal amount of revenue obligations to be issued at any one time
32 [shall] MUST be determined by the Board of Finance in the Administrative Resolution.

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1 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:

2 (a) The net proceeds from the sale of revenue notes or revenue bonds, as the case may be,
3 [shall] MUST be used and applied for the public purposes of:

4 (1) refinancing the City's outstanding revenue bonds and revenue notes that were
5 issued to finance or refinance capital improvements for water facilities of the
6 City;

7 (2) financing, in whole or in part, the cost of the financed facilities (either
8 directly or by repayment to the City, as provided in this Ordinance);

9 (3) funding capitalized interest on any series of revenue notes or revenue bonds,
10 to the extent the Board of Finance considers necessary and in accordance with
11 any time limit established by law on this funding;

12 (4) paying the costs of issuance of any series of revenue notes or revenue bonds;
13 and

14 (5) funding any reserve funds, including reserves for the revenue notes or
15 revenue bonds and operating reserves (to the extent provided by the Board of
16 Finance), created under this Ordinance and the Administrative Resolution.

17 (b) The net proceeds from the sale of refunding obligations [shall] MUST be used and
18 applied for the public purposes of:

19 (1) refinancing, restructuring, refunding, or renewing, in whole or in part, from
20 time to time, any outstanding revenue notes, revenue bonds, refunding
21 obligations, or other indebtedness, including the payment of any redemption
22 premium on them;

23 (2) paying any redemption premium in connection with obligations being
24 refinanced or refunded from the proceeds of the refunding obligations;

25 (3) paying the costs of issuance of any series of refunding obligations; and

26 (4) funding any reserve funds for the Refunding Obligations, including reserves
27 for the payment of the refunding obligations and operating reserves (to the
28 extent provided by the Board of Finance), created under this Ordinance and
29 the Administrative Resolution.

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1 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:

- 2 (a) The City finds and determines that the Board of Finance, being primarily responsible
3 for the issuance and sale of the City's certificates of indebtedness, has the expertise
4 and experience necessary to be primarily responsible for the determination of matters
5 set forth in this Ordinance to be within its jurisdiction.
- 6 (b) The market for revenue obligations of the City may change from time to time, and it
7 is in the City's best interest to continue the Board of Finance's exercise of its broad
8 authority and flexibility in connection with the issuance of revenue obligations.

9 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:

- 10 (a) Before delivery of any series of revenue obligations, the Board of Finance [shall]
11 MUST adopt an Administrative Resolution.
- 12 (b) The Administrative Resolution [shall] MUST prescribe, subject to the Enabling Laws:
- 13 (1) the principal amount of revenue obligations to be issued as a series at any one
14 time;
- 15 (2) the date of issue of the series of revenue obligations;
- 16 (3) the interest rate or rates to be borne by the series of revenue obligations or the
17 method by which the interest rate or rates is computed, including limitations on
18 the interest rate or rates beyond which further approvals of the Board of Finance
19 are required;
- 20 (4) the time periods and method of payment of interest on the series of revenue
21 obligations;
- 22 (5) the redemption provisions, if any, for the series of revenue obligations;
- 23 (6) the maturity or maturities of the series of revenue obligations;
- 24 (7) the denomination or denominations of any revenue obligations;
- 25 (8) the form, use of registration, and mechanics for payment of the revenue
26 obligations; and
- 27 (9) any other terms necessary or desirable to carry out this Ordinance, including other
28 matters determined by the Board of Finance under Section 17.

29 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the Board of Finance may determine
30 whether a particular issue or series of revenue obligations [shall] MUST be sold by
31 competitive bidding or by private negotiations. That determination [shall] MUST be set
32 forth in the Administrative Resolution for the issue or series to which it applies.

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1 SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:

- 2 (a) The Board of Finance may adopt a master administrative resolution that establishes
3 procedures to facilitate the prompt determination and approval of one or more of the
4 matters set forth in this Ordinance.
- 5 (b) These procedures may include telephonic approval and subsequent telegraphic,
6 electronic, or written confirmation of one or more matters by a designated officer of
7 the City, subject to safeguards and guidelines prescribed in the master administrative
8 resolution.

9 SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the Board of Finance may:

- 10 (1) establish procedures whereby a variable or floating rate or rates can be utilized for any
11 series of revenue obligations;
- 12 (2) establish any necessary relations with a commercial bank or other appropriate
13 institution to facilitate the payment of revenue obligations, including the use of
14 general or standby letters of credit, lines of credit, bond insurance, demand features,
15 loan agreements, credit facilities, liquidity facilities, backup loan arrangements, or
16 notes or similar arrangements; and
- 17 (3) determine that the City should enter into a contract or agreement, payable from
18 operating revenues, intended to place revenue obligations on the interest rate,
19 currency, cash flow, or other basis desired by the Board of Finance, including any
20 interest rate swap agreement, currency swap agreement, forward payment conversion
21 agreement, or futures contract, any contract providing for payments based on levels
22 of, or changes in, interest rates, currency exchange rates, or stock or other indices, any
23 contract to exchange cash flows or a series of payments, or any contract, including an
24 interest rate floor or cap, or an option, put, or call, to hedge payment, currency, rate,
25 spread, or similar exposure, on the terms and provisions that the Board of Finance
26 considers necessary or desirable.

27 SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:

- 28 (a) The principal of, premium (if any) on, interest on, and purchase price of revenue
29 obligations and, to the extent provided in the Administrative Resolution, the amounts
30 owed to the provider of any credit facility securing any revenue obligations:
- 31 (1) do not constitute, within the meaning of any constitutional or charter provision
32 or otherwise, an indebtedness of the City or any other political subdivision of
33 the State of Maryland or a charge against the general credit or taxing powers
34 of the City; and

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1 (2) may be paid solely from the following, in the order and manner that the Board
2 of Finance prescribes in the Administrative Resolution:

3 (i) operating revenues;

4 (ii) amounts in any funds pledged under the Administrative Resolution to
5 the payment of the revenue obligations, including any reserve fund
6 established by the Board of Finance for payment of the principal of,
7 premium (if any) on, and interest on the revenue obligations and any
8 investment earnings on those funds (to the extent provided by the
9 Board of Finance);

10 (iii) unexpended proceeds of the revenue obligations, including investment
11 earnings on those proceeds (to the extent provided by the Board of
12 Finance); and

13 (iv) other amounts legally available for these purposes.

14 (b) The issuance of revenue obligations does not constitute (directly, indirectly, or
15 contingently) an obligation, moral or otherwise, of the State of Maryland, of the City,
16 or of any other political subdivision of the State, to levy or pledge any form of
17 taxation whatever for their payment.

18 (C) RATES AND CHARGES OF THE WATER UTILITY MUST BE SET, ASSESSED, AND
19 COLLECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY PROCEDURES, THE CITY CHARTER, THE
20 ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION, AND APPLICABLE LAW TO THE EXTENT DEEMED
21 NECESSARY TO OPERATE THE WATER FACILITIES AND PROVIDE PAYMENT FOR THE
22 OUTSTANDING REVENUE OBLIGATIONS.

23 SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:

24 (a) From the proceeds of the revenue obligations, from other funds of the water utility, or
25 from any other sources, the Board of Finance may establish one or more reserve funds
26 for the revenue obligations, including debt service reserve funds, which may be
27 pledged to the payment of the principal of, premium (if any) on, interest on, and
28 purchase price of one or more series of revenue obligations in the event that the
29 operating revenues for any year are insufficient to pay these items for that year.

30 (b) This section does not preclude the establishment of other reserve funds, the amounts
31 in which are not pledged to payment of revenue obligations, in connection with the
32 revenue obligations or any subordinate obligations of the water utility, including a
33 renewal and replacement fund, a rate stabilization fund, a residual fund, and an
34 operating reserve fund.

35 SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the City covenants that it will pay the
36 principal of, the premium (if any) on, and the interest on any revenue notes or refunding
37 revenue notes in the nature of bond anticipation notes from the first proceeds of refunding
38 revenue bonds issued under this Ordinance when, and as soon as, the reason for deferring
39 their issuance no longer exists and, in any event, in sufficient time to permit the revenue
40 obligations to be paid at maturity or extended maturity.

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SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:

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- 2 (a) All revenue obligations and other agreements of the City under this Ordinance [shall]
3 MUST be executed in the name of the City and on its behalf by the Mayor and the
4 Director of Finance, by manual or facsimile signatures. The corporate seal of the City
5 [shall] MUST be printed or imprinted on the revenue obligations and attested by the
6 Custodian or Alternate Custodian of the City Seal, by manual or facsimile signature.
- 7 (b) If the Board of Finance finds that the nature of a transaction so requires, the Board
8 may establish in the Administrative Resolution a procedure whereby the Trustee, a
9 responsible trust company, or other authorized trustee, issuing agent, or paying agent
10 maintains an inventory of blank revenue obligations that have been previously
11 imprinted and signed and are available for delivery to purchasers under conditions
12 that require prompt action and delivery.
- 13 (c) If any official whose signature appears on any series of revenue obligations ceases to
14 be an official before the delivery of the revenue obligations, or if any official whose
15 signature appears on any series of revenue obligations became an official after the
16 date of issue, the revenue obligations of that series are nonetheless valid and legally
17 binding limited obligations of the City in accordance with their terms.

SECTION 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:

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- 19 (a) The proceeds from the sale of revenue obligations [shall] MUST be paid to the Director
20 of Finance for deposit, investment, and disbursement in accordance with the Enabling
21 Laws, this Ordinance, and the Administrative Resolution. ALL PREMIUMS RESULTING
22 FROM THE SALE OF THE REVENUE OBLIGATIONS ISSUED AND SOLD PURSUANT TO THE
23 PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE MUST BE APPLIED AS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD OF
24 FINANCE.
- 25 (b) On presentation of the appropriate vouchers, as provided in the Administrative
26 Resolution, the Trustee or the City [shall] MUST pay from the proceeds of each series
27 of revenue obligations all costs of issuance. Nothing prevents the City from paying
28 any underwriting discount or placement fee payable in connection with any series of
29 revenue obligations by the underwriters' or placement agents' deduction of an amount
30 equal to the discount or placement fee from the offering price of the series of revenue
31 obligations.
- 32 (c) The Trustee [shall] MUST credit to a special account established under the
33 Administrative Resolution the amount, if any, of the proceeds of each series of
34 revenue obligations designated as capitalized interest on that series of revenue
35 obligations.
- 36 (d) Before the proceeds of any series of revenue obligations are expended, all or any part
37 of the proceeds may be invested by the Trustee, in accordance with the Administrative
38 Resolution and within any limitation and in the manner provided by law.

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1 (e) On presentation to the Trustee or the City of appropriate requests, as provided in the
2 Administrative Resolution, the Trustee [shall] MUST make payments from the
3 proceeds of any series of revenue obligations for any of the purposes specified in this
4 Ordinance and in the Administrative Resolution.

5 (f) If the funds derived from the sale of the revenue [notes or revenue bonds]
6 OBLIGATIONS exceed the amount needed (i) to refund any outstanding obligations of
7 the City to be refunded under the Administrative Resolution, [and] (ii) to finance the
8 financed facilities, (III) TO PAY COSTS OF ISSUANCE AND CAPITALIZED INTEREST, AND
9 (IV) TO FUND ANY RESERVES AND FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY THE
10 ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION, the funds so borrowed and not [expended] NEEDED
11 [for the public improvements authorized by this Ordinance] [shall] MUST be applied
12 as determined by the Board of Finance, under the terms and conditions set forth in the
13 Administrative Resolution, including to fund reserve fund deficiencies OR OTHER
14 RESERVES, if any, to pay principal of or interest on revenue obligations, to redeem or
15 purchase revenue obligations, or to pay for other capital projects of the water utility
16 within any limitation provided by law.

17 SECTION 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:

18 (a) The Board of Finance may take the actions and make the commitments on behalf of
19 the City described in this Section 15.

20 (b) The Board of Finance may determine and set forth the form, terms, provisions
21 (including redemption provisions and sinking fund requirements, if any), manner or
22 method of issuing and selling the revenue obligations (including negotiated or
23 competitive bid sale), time or times of issuance, security for the revenue obligations,
24 and all other details and other matters necessary or desirable in connection with the
25 authorization, issuance, sale, and payment of the revenue obligations.

26 (c) In conjunction with the prospective underwriters or placement agents, if any, for the
27 revenue obligations, the Board of Finance may prepare and distribute preliminary and
28 final official statements or placement memoranda or circulars as the Board of Finance
29 considers necessary or desirable. All preliminary official statements or placement
30 memoranda or circulars [shall] MUST be clearly marked to indicate that they are
31 subject to completion and amendment.

32 (d) (1) The Board of Finance may determine the dates, times, and places for submission
33 of an underwriting or placement agreement or purchase contract by the
34 underwriters or placement agents for the revenue obligations or purchasers of the
35 revenue obligations.

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- 1 (2) The underwriting or placement agreement or purchase contract [shall] MUST
2 specify:
- 3 (i) the interest rate or rates proposed to be paid on the revenue obligations or
4 the method by which the interest rate or rates [shall] MUST be computed;
- 5 (ii) the price at which the revenue obligations are to be sold to the
6 underwriters, placement agents, or purchasers; and
- 7 (iii) any other matters that the underwriters, placement agents, or purchasers
8 and the Board of Finance consider necessary or desirable to effect the sale
9 and delivery of the revenue obligations.
- 10 (e) The Board of Finance may determine the interest rate or rates to be paid by the City
11 on the revenue obligations or the method by which the interest rate or rates is
12 computed [in accordance with the proposed underwriting or placement agreement or
13 purchase contract submitted by the underwriters or placement agents for the revenue
14 obligations or purchasers of the revenue obligations].
- 15 (f) The Board of Finance, as it considers necessary or desirable, may appoint one or more
16 banks with trust powers, or trust companies, as Trustee, registrar, or paying agent for
17 the revenue obligations.
- 18 (g) (1) The Board of Finance may approve the form of trust agreements (which may be
19 the Administrative Resolution) between the City and the Trustee.
- 20 (2) The trust agreements may:
- 21 (i) pledge or assign all or any part of the security of the revenue obligations,
22 consistent with the covenants contained in this Ordinance and the
23 Administrative Resolution;
- 24 (ii) contain reasonable and proper provisions for the protection and
25 enforcement of the rights and remedies of the holders of revenue
26 obligations;
- 27 (iii) set forth the rights and remedies of the holders of revenue obligations and
28 the Trustee;
- 29 (iv) restrict the individual right of action by the holders of revenue obligations;
- 30 (v) provide for the issuance of additional revenue obligations subordinate to,
31 or on a parity with, revenue obligations previously issued under the trust
32 agreement or the Administration Resolution, consistent with this
33 Ordinance and the provisions of the trust agreement or the Administrative
34 Resolution; and
- 35 (vi) contain whatever other provisions the Board of Finance considers
36 reasonable and proper for the security of the holders of revenue
37 obligations.

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1 (h) The Board of Finance may amend, restate, or supplement the Administrative
2 Resolution in accordance with the Enabling Laws, this Ordinance, and the
3 Administrative Resolution.

4 SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the Board of Finance may perform any and
5 all actions that it considers necessary or desirable to effect the issuance and sale of the
6 revenue obligations in accordance with this Ordinance and the underwriting or placement
7 agreements or purchase contracts for the revenue obligations.

8 SECTION 17. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That, before any revenue obligations are sold,
9 the Board of Finance may determine by administrative resolution:

- 10 (1) the provisions of the trust agreement between the City and the Trustee;
- 11 (2) the manner of execution, authentication, registration, and transfer of the revenue
12 obligations;
- 13 (3) provisions for authentication and delivery of the revenue obligations;
- 14 (4) the terms of any private insurance, public insurance, or other security for the revenue
15 obligations;
- 16 (5) provisions for creating, holding, and disbursing any funds and accounts to be held by
17 the Trustee or the Director of Finance;
- 18 (6) provisions for applying the operating revenues;
- 19 (7) provisions for the security for and investment of money held by the Trustee or the
20 Director of Finance;
- 21 (8) the procedures for redeeming the revenue obligations;
- 22 (9) remedies for holders of revenue obligations in the event of default;
- 23 (10) the duties, rights, and immunities of the Trustee;
- 24 (11) the manner of executing instruments by holders of revenue obligations and the
25 method of proving ownership of revenue obligations;
- 26 (12) provisions for modifying the trust agreement;
- 27 (13) provisions for the defeasance of revenue obligations;
- 28 (14) the forms of the revenue obligations (including book-entry or certificated bonds)
29 and of the Trustee's authentication certificate; [and]
- 30 (15) any other matters in connection with the authorization, issuance, security, sale,
31 payment, and refunding of the revenue obligations that the Board of Finance
32 considers appropriate[.]; AND

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1 (16) THE PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, PLACEMENT
2 MEMORANDUM OR OTHER DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

3 SECTION 18. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That any resolution adopted under this
4 Ordinance is considered to be administrative.

5 SECTION 19. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That nothing in this Ordinance precludes a
6 consolidation or other combination of the water utility, [and] the wastewater utility AND
7 THE STORMWATER UTILITY or any budgetary restructuring or interfund reorganization of
8 these utilities, so long as it is determined, in accordance with procedures set forth in the
9 Administrative Resolution, that the consolidation or combination will not impair the
10 security for the revenue obligations.

11 SECTION 20. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That nothing in this Ordinance precludes a
12 pledge, with respect to the revenue obligations, of revenues of and amounts held by the
13 water utility, including the operating revenues, under different or alternative formulations
14 than that provided in this Ordinance and the Administrative Resolution.

15 SECTION 21. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That[:]

16 [(a) The] THE Mayor and City Council may amend or supplement this Ordinance from
17 time to time as necessary or desirable to increase the authorized amount of revenue
18 obligations and for any other purpose, as long as the action is otherwise consistent
19 with the terms of this Ordinance, the Administrative Resolution, and the revenue
20 obligations.

21 [(b) The Administrative Resolution shall provide that no additional revenue obligations
22 may be issued under this Ordinance unless:

23 (1) no event of default exists on the date that the additional revenue obligations
24 are issued; and

25 (2) there is a determination, under the Administrative Resolution, that the rate
26 requirements prescribed by the Administrative Resolution will be met on the
27 date that the additional revenue obligations are issued.]

28 SECTION 22. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That if the Board of Finance fails to take any
29 action or act on any matter delegated to it or authorized to be implemented by it, the
30 action or matter may be taken or acted on or implemented by a resolution of the Mayor
31 and City Council.

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1 SECTION 23. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:

2 (a) Revenue obligations may be issued under this Ordinance with the expectation that
3 interest on the revenue obligations will be exempt from federal income taxation
4 (“tax-exempt obligations”).

5 (b) The Administrative Resolution under which tax-exempt obligations are issued [shall]
6 MUST prescribe covenants and matters that the Board of Finance considers necessary
7 or desirable to assure that the revenue obligations will not be considered “arbitrage
8 bonds” within the meaning of § 148 of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations
9 and to assure holders of the revenue obligations that interest on them will be and
10 remain exempt from federal income taxation.

11 (c) The Mayor, the Director of Finance, and the Chief of the Bureau of Treasury
12 Management [shall] MUST prepare or cause to be prepared and [shall] MUST execute
13 any certification, opinion, or other document that may be required to maintain the
14 exemption of interest on tax-exempt obligations from federal income taxation.

15 SECTION 24. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the covenants contained in this Ordinance
16 are for the benefit of the holders of the revenue obligations from time to time and are
17 enforceable by those holders, subject to any limitations set forth in the Administrative
18 Resolution.

19 SECTION 25. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the provisions of this Ordinance are
20 severable. If any provision, sentence, clause, section, or other part of this Ordinance is
21 held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, that
22 illegality, invalidity, unconstitutionality, or inapplicability does not affect or impair any of
23 the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this Ordinance or their
24 application to other persons or circumstances. It is the intent of the Mayor and City
25 Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted even if the illegal, invalid,
26 unconstitutional, or inapplicable provision, sentence, clause, section, or other part had not
27 been included in this Ordinance, and as if the person or circumstances to which this
28 Ordinance or part are inapplicable had been specifically exempted.

29 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the Board of Finance may amend, restate,
30 or supplement the 2002 Resolution, in accordance with that Resolution’s provisions governing
31 amendments, to accomplish any of the purposes set forth in this Ordinance and to specify,
32 prescribe, determine, provide for, approve, and amend, from time to time, the form, terms,
33 provisions, manner, or method of issuing and selling the revenue obligations (including
34 negotiated or competitive bid sale), time or times of issuance, security for the revenue
35 obligations, and all other details and other matters necessary or desirable in connection with the
36 authorization, issuance, sale, and payment of the revenue obligations and to do all things
37 necessary, proper, or expedient in connection with the issuance and sale of those revenue
38 obligations.

39 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
40 enacted.

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Certified as duly passed this 4 day of November, 2024



President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 4 day of November, 2024



Chief Clerk

Approved this 27th day of November, 2024



Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency
This 7th Day of November, 2024.

Elena R. DiPietro

Chief Solicitor