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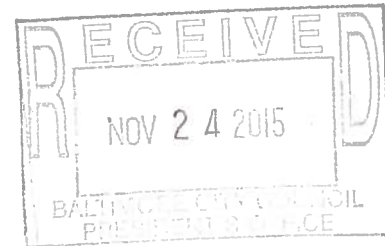


DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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November 24, 2015

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary
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Re: City Council Bill 15-0564 – Waterfront Management District – Extension of District

Dear Mr. President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 15-0564 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill extends the Waterfront Management District to encompass certain adjoining blocks, and modifies the criteria for local businesses, organizations, and residents to be represented on the Board of Directors of the Waterfront Management Authority. The bill has a special effective date, and is contingent on a successful referendum, to be conducted in accordance with the requirements of City Code Article 14, Section 8-15 “{“Election approval process”}”.

Article II, Section 63 of the Charter grants the City authority to create, by ordinance, community benefits districts. The Waterfront Management District was created in 2007 by Council Bill 07-0581. It was renewed through April 23, 2019 per Council Bill 15-0474. The provisions governing the District are found in Article 14, Section 8-1 *et. seq.* of the City Code.

With regard to the extension of the District borders, Council Bill 15-0564 inserts a map which shows the proposed additions to the District. The bill also incorporates the special election process required by Article II, Section 63(k) of the Charter and Article 14, Section 8-15 of the City Code. In order to more clearly define the District boundaries, the Law Department recommends that: (1) the map on page 3 of the bill be deleted; (2) the current metes and bounds description be restored; and (3) new language be inserted to define more specifically the additions to the District. The Law Department has attached its proposed language, and is working with the Department of Legislative Reference to provide this language in proper amendment form. The bill also comports with the Section 63(c)(4) Charter requirement that the majority of the members of the board shall be owners or representatives of owners of properties in the district that are subject to taxes or charges.

The bill is consistent with the authority of the City Council. Assuming the new boundary language is added to the bill, the Law Department approves City Council Bill 15-0564 for form and legal sufficiency.

Fav w/ Amend

Sincerely,



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City of Baltimore
Council Bill 15-0564
Law Department Amendments

(a) In general.

(1) There is a community benefits district, to be known as the Waterfront Management District (the "District") ~~{eliminate []~~, within the following boundaries: ~~{eliminate []~~.

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i. ~~{RESTORE ORIGINAL METES AND BOUNDS LANGUAGE HERE}~~; AND

ii. BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTHBOUND SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET AND EASTERN AVENUE AND RUNNING EAST ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF EASTERN AVENUE TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF EASTERN AVENUE AND SOUTH CAROLINE STREET; THEN RUNNING SOUTH ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF SOUTH CAROLINE STREET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINE STREET AND ALICEANNA STREET; THEN RUNNING WEST ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF ALICEANNA STREET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF ALICEANNA STREET AND SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE; THEN RUNNING NORTH ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE AND FLEET STREET; THEN RUNNING WEST ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF FLEET STREET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE WESTERN MOST INTERSECTION OF FLEET STREET AND SOUTHBOUND SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, THEN NORTH ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF THE WESTERN MOST SECTION OF SOUTHBOUND SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET TO THE BEGINNING POINT AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTHBOUND SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET AND EASTERN AVENUE. CONTAINING AND COMPRISED OF CITY BLOCKS 1439, 1440, 1441, 1442, 1443, 1804, AND 1805 IN THEIR ENTIRETIES; AND

iii. THE BOUNDARIES OF BLOCK 1818, AS BOUNDED BY LANCASTER STREET TO THE NORTH, SOUTH BOND STREET TO THE EAST, THAMES STREET TO THE SOUTH, AND SOUTH CAROLINE STREET TO THE WEST; BUT LIMITED TO THE INDIVIDUAL INTERNAL BOUNDARIES OF LOTS 030, 030A, 043D, 044A, 044B, 044C, 044D, 044E, 055, AND 057 EXCLUSIVELY.