## CITY OF BALTIMORE RESOLUTION Council Bill 17-0092

Introduced by: The Council President

At the request of: The Administration (Baltimore Development Corporation)

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Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

benefits to eligible projects developed in those areas.

Committee Report: Favorable Council action: Adopted

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Read second time: February 26, 2018

## A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONCERNING

1 2	Morgan State University – Approving Application for Designation as a RISE Zone – Granting Enhanced Local Property Tax Credit
3	FOR the purpose of approving the designation of the Morgan State University as a "qualified
4	institution" under the State's Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone ("RISE Zone")
5	Program; approving and joining in the application for designation of a RISE Zone at 1500
6	Havenwood, Baltimore, Maryland (identified as Ward 27, Section 080, Block 3969, Lots
7	001, 045,045A and 046) (the "Property"); granting an enhanced local property tax credit for
8	the Property; and providing for a special effective date.
9	Recitals
10	The Maryland General Assembly has established a Regional Institution Strategic
11	Enterprise Zone ("RISE Zone") Program to (i) access institutional assets that have
12	a strong and demonstrated history of commitment to economic development and
13	revitalization in the communities in which they are located and (ii) provide certain

State Tax-Property Article, § 9-103.1(c)(1) mandates that local governments grant a real property tax credit to qualified properties within a RISE Zone against the property tax imposed on the eligible assessment of those qualified properties, as follows: (i) at least 50% in the 1<sup>st</sup> taxable year following the calendar year in which the property initially qualifies; and (ii) at least 10% in the ensuing 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> taxable years.

State Tax-Property Article, § 9-103.1(c)(5), in turn, authorizes a local government, "by local law", to increase the minimum credit percentages otherwise mandated by § 9-103.1(c)(1).

## SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore:

(1) approves the designation of Morgan State University as a "qualified institution" under the State's Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone ("RISE Zone") Program;

> **EXPLANATION:** <u>Underlining</u> indicates matter added by amendment. Strike out indicates matter stricken by amendment.

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1 2 3 4	(2) approves the submission of an application to designate the Property as a RISE Zone, and authorizes and directs the appropriate City officials to join with Morgan State University in executing and submitting the application to the Maryland Department of Commerce; and
5 6 7 8	(3) pursuant to State Tax-Property Article, § 9-103.1, on designation of the Property as a RISE Zone, grants a local property tax credit equal to 80% of the property tax imposed on the eligible assessment of all qualified property for each of the 1 <sup>st</sup> through 5 <sup>th</sup> taxable years following the calendar year in which the property initially qualifies.
9 10 11	<b>SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> , That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Commerce and to the President of the Baltimore Development Corporation.
12 13	<b>SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> , That this Resolution takes effect on the date it is enacted.
	Certified as duly passed this day of, 20
	President, Baltimore City Council
	Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,
	this day of, 20
	Chief Clerk
	Approved this day of, 20
	Mayor, Baltimore City