

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 18-0241  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Housing and Community Development)  
Introduced and read first time: May 14, 2018  
Assigned to: Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Works, Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Transportation

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Urban Renewal – Druid Heights –**  
3 **Amendment \_**

4 FOR the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Druid Heights to reauthorize the  
5 acquisition of properties within the Project Area and to extend the life of the Plan; waiving  
6 certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance  
7 severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other  
8 ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

9 BY authority of  
10 Article 13 - Housing and Urban Renewal  
11 Section 2-6  
12 Baltimore City Code  
13 (Edition 2000)

14 **Recitals**

15 The Urban Renewal Plan for Druid Heights was originally approved by the Mayor and City  
16 Council of Baltimore by Ordinance 77-376 and last amended by Ordinance 14-300.

17 An amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan for Druid Heights is necessary to reauthorize the  
18 Plan's powers of acquisition and condemnation so that these actions may legally continue, in  
19 compliance with § 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and  
20 to extend the life of the Plan.

21 Under Article 13, § 2-6 of the Baltimore City Code, no change may be made in any approved  
22 renewal plan unless the change is approved in the same manner as that required for the approval  
23 of a renewal plan.

24 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
25 following changes in the Urban Renewal Plan for Druid Heights are approved:

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

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1 (1) In the Plan, amend C.1.d. to read as follows:

2 C. Techniques Used to Achieve Plan Objectives

3 1. Acquisition

4 . . . .  
5 d. The authority to acquire the Properties within the Project Area is expressly  
6 confirmed and reauthorized through and including [December 31, 2018]  
7 DECEMBER 31, 2022.

8 (2) In the Plan, amend D. to read as follows:

9 D. Duration of Provisions and Requirements

10 The Druid Heights Renewal Plan, as amended from time to time, is in full force  
11 and effect through and including [December 31, 2018] DECEMBER 31, 2022.

12 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the Urban Renewal Plan for Druid  
13 Heights, as amended by this Ordinance and identified as “Urban Renewal Plan, Druid Heights,  
14 revised to include Amendment \_, dated May 14, 2018”, is approved. The Department of  
15 Planning shall file a copy of the amended Urban Renewal Plan with the Department of  
16 Legislative Reference as a permanent public record, available for public inspection and  
17 information.

18 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That if the amended Urban Renewal Plan  
19 approved by this Ordinance in any way fails to meet the statutory requirements for the content of  
20 a renewal plan or for the procedures for the preparation, adoption, and approval of a renewal  
21 plan, those requirements are waived and the amended Urban Renewal Plan approved by this  
22 Ordinance is exempted from them.

23 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That if any provision of this Ordinance or the  
24 application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, the  
25 invalidity does not affect any other provision or any other application of this Ordinance, and for  
26 this purpose the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

27 **SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That if a provision of this Ordinance concerns  
28 the same subject as a provision of any zoning, building, electrical, plumbing, health, fire, or  
29 safety law or regulation, the applicable provisions shall be construed to give effect to each.  
30 However, if the provisions are found to be in irreconcilable conflict, the one that establishes the  
31 higher standard for the protection of the public health and safety prevails. If a provision of this  
32 Ordinance is found to be in conflict with an existing provision of any other law or regulation that  
33 establishes a lower standard for the protection of the public health and safety, the provision of  
34 this Ordinance prevails and the other conflicting provision is repealed to the extent of the  
35 conflict.

36 **SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is  
37 enacted.