



## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Charter Amendment - Disposition of City-Owned Real Property  
For the purpose of amending the City Charter to repeal the City's general authority to dispose of City-owned real property at private sale; conforming and clarifying related provisions; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

**Sponsors:** Isaac "Yitzzy" Schleifer, Bill Henry, Shannon Sneed, Ryan Dorsey

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9/21/2020	0	Equity and Structure Committee	Scheduled for a Public Hearing	
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7/23/2020	0	The City Council	Refer to Dept. of Real Estate	
7/23/2020	0	The City Council	Refer to Office of the Comptroller	
7/23/2020	0	The City Council	Refer to Office of the Mayor	
7/23/2020	0	The City Council	Refer to City Solicitor	
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**Explanation:** Capitals indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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The official copy considered by the City Council is the first reader copy.

### Introductory\*

**City of Baltimore  
Council Bill  
(Charter Amendment)**

Introduced by: Councilman Schleifer

A Resolution Entitled

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council concerning

**Charter Amendment - Disposition of City-Owned Real Property**

For the purpose of amending the City Charter to repeal the City's general authority to dispose of City-owned real property at private sale; conforming and clarifying related provisions; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

By proposing to amend

Article V - Comptroller  
Section(s) 5(b)  
Baltimore City Charter  
(1996 Edition)

**Section 1. Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,** That the City Charter is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

**Baltimore City Charter**

**Article V. Comptroller**

**§ 5. Department of Real Estate - Duties.**

The Department of Real Estate shall have the following responsibilities in all matters relating to the acquisition, sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of real property of the City; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall affect the exercise by the City by ordinance of the powers granted to it in subsection (15) of Article II, or by the Mayor of the powers provided by Section 4(c) of Article IV relating to economic development:

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**(b) *Disposition of City property.***

- (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the [The] Department shall (unless and to the extent otherwise provided by the Board of Estimates) arrange for the disposition of any building, [or] parcel of land, [(]or any other real property[)] no longer needed by the City for public use.
- (2) Any [such] disposition of real property under this subsection shall be:
  - (i) authorized by ordinance[.];
  - (ii) [shall be] approved by the Board of Estimates with the approval entered in its minutes[.];  
and
  - (iii) [shall be] made at public sale [unless a private sale or other manner of disposition shall be expressly authorized by the Board of Estimates and entered in its minutes].
- (3) The instrument of conveyance of any building, [or] parcel of land, [(]or any other real property[)]

whose disposition has been [so] authorized and approved pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be executed on behalf of the City by the Comptroller or Deputy Comptroller and attested to by the Director of Finance or the Deputy Director of Finance.

**Section 2. And be it further resolved,** That this proposed amendment to the City Charter be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City, for adoption or rejection, in accordance with Article XI-A, § 5 of the Maryland Constitution, in the form specified by the City Solicitor.