



Legislation Text

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**Explanation:** Capitals indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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**Introductory\***

**City of Baltimore  
Council Bill**

Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: Department of Housing and Community Development

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

**Urban Renewal - Johnston Square - Amendment** \_\_\_\_\_

For the purpose of amending the Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square to reauthorize the acquisition of properties within the Project Area, to extend the life of the Plan, and to remove certain properties from the list in Appendices A and B; waiving certain content and procedural requirements; making the provisions of this Ordinance severable; providing for the application of this Ordinance in conjunction with certain other ordinances; and providing for a special effective date.

By authority of

Article 13 - Housing and Urban Renewal  
Section 2-6  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

**Recitals**

The Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square was originally approved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore by Ordinance 77-357 and last amended by Ordinance 14-295.

An amendment to the Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square is necessary to reauthorize the Plan's powers of acquisition and condemnation so that these actions may legally continue, in compliance with § 12-105.1 of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to extend the life of the Plan, and to remove certain properties from the lists in Appendices A and B.

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

**Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,** That the following changes in the Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square are approved:

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

C. TECHNIQUES USED TO ACHIEVE PLAN OBJECTIVES

1. Acquisition

....

- c. The authority to acquire the Properties within the Project Area is expressly confirmed and reauthorized through and including [December 31, 2022] December 31, 2026.

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

D. Duration of Provisions and Requirements

The Johnston Square Urban Renewal Plan, as amended from time to time, is in full force and effect through and including [December 31, 2018] December 31, 2026.

(3) In the Plan, in Appendix A, delete the following from the list of properties:

702 E. Biddle Street  
704 E. Biddle Street  
706 E. Biddle Street  
709 E. Biddle Street  
710 E. Biddle Street  
714 E. Biddle Street  
716 E. Biddle Street  
718 E. Biddle Street  
720 E. Biddle Street  
722 E. Biddle Street

902 E. Biddle Street  
904 E. Biddle Street  
906 E. Biddle Street  
924 E. Biddle Street  
938 E. Biddle Street

1323 E. Biddle Street  
1325 E. Biddle Street

700 E. Chase Street  
707 E. Chase Street  
713 E. Chase Street  
715 E. Chase Street  
717 E. Chase Street  
719 E. Chase Street  
725 E. Chase Street

803 E. Chase Street  
815 E. Chase Street  
817 E. Chase Street  
819 E. Chase Street

1306 E. Eager Street

1308 E. Eager Street

1022 N. Eden Street  
1024 N. Eden Street

1114 N. Eden Street

1316 Greenmount Avenue

1124 Homewood Avenue

1216 Homewood Avenue

725 E. Preston Street  
743 E. Preston Street  
745 E. Preston Street  
751 E. Preston Street

911 E. Preston Street

(4) In the Plan, in Appendix B, delete the following from the list of properties:

13. 1024 North Eden Street

**Section 2. And be it further ordained,** That the Urban Renewal Plan for Johnston Square, as amended by this Ordinance and identified as “Urban Renewal Plan, Johnston Square, revised to include Amendment \_\_\_\_, dated September 19, 2022”, is approved. The Department of Planning shall file a copy of the amended Urban Renewal Plan with the Department of Legislative Reference as a permanent public record, available for public inspection and information.

**Section 3. And be it further ordained,** That if the amended Urban Renewal Plan approved by this Ordinance in any way fails to meet the statutory requirements for the content of a renewal plan or for the procedures for the preparation, adoption, and approval of a renewal plan, those requirements are waived and the amended Urban Renewal Plan approved by this Ordinance is exempted from them.

**Section 4. And be it further ordained,** That if any provision of this Ordinance or the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, the invalidity does not affect any other provision or any other application of this Ordinance, and for this purpose the provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable.

**Section 5. And be it further ordained,** That if a provision of this Ordinance concerns the same subject as a provision of any zoning, building, electrical, plumbing, health, fire, or safety law or regulation, the applicable provisions shall be construed to give effect to each. However, if the provisions are found to be in irreconcilable conflict, the one that establishes the higher standard for the protection of the public health and safety prevails. If a provision of this Ordinance is found to be in conflict with an existing provision of any other law or regulation that establishes a lower standard for the protection of the public health and safety, the provision of this Ordinance prevails and the other conflicting provision is repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section 6. And be it further ordained,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is enacted.