



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

**City of Baltimore
Council Bill**

Introduced by: The Council President

At the request of: The Administration (Department of Transportation)

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

City Streets - Closing - A 10-Foot Alley Bounded by North Howard Street, West 24th Street, Mace Street, and West 23rd Street

For the purpose of condemning and closing a 10-foot alley bounded by North Howard Street, West 24th Street, Mace Street, and West 23rd Street, as shown on Plat 105-B-50A in the Office of the Department of Transportation; and providing for a special effective date.

By authority of

Article I - General Provisions

Section 4

and

Article II - General Powers

Sections 2, 34, 35

Baltimore City Charter

(1996 Edition)

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Department of Transportation shall proceed to condemn and close a 10-foot alley bounded by North Howard Street, West 24th Street, Mace Street, and West 23rd Street, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning for Parcel No. 1 at the point formed by the intersection of the east side of North Howard Street 66 feet wide, and the south side of a 10-foot alley, the point of beginning being distant Northerly 100.0 feet, more or less, measured along the east side of North Howard Street from the point formed by the intersection of the east side of North Howard Street and the north side of West 23rd Street 66 feet wide; thence crossing the 10-foot alley, Northerly 10.0 feet; thence departing from the east side of North Howard Street and binding on the north side of the 10-foot alley, Easterly 150.0 feet, more or less, to intersect the west side of Mace Street 20 feet wide; thence crossing the 10-foot alley, Southerly 10.0 feet; thence departing from the west side of Mace Street and binding on the south side of the 10-foot alley, Westerly 150.0 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Containing 1,500 square feet or 0.034 acres of land, more or less.

As delineated on Plat 105-B-50A, prepared by the Survey Section and filed on April 17, 2018, in the Office of the Department of Transportation.

Section 2. And be it further ordained, That the proceedings for the condemnation and closing of the 10-foot alley and the rights of all interested parties shall be regulated by and in accordance with all applicable provisions of state and local law and with all applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Director of Transportation and filed with the Department of Legislative Reference.

Section 3. And be it further ordained, That after the closing under this Ordinance, all subsurface structures and appurtenances now owned by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore continue to be the property of the Mayor and City Council, in fee simple, until their use has been abandoned by the Mayor and City Council. If any person wants to remove, alter, or interfere with them, that person must first obtain permission from the Mayor and City Council and, in the application for this permission, must agree to pay all costs and expenses, of every kind, arising out of the removal, alteration, or interference.

Section 4. And be it further ordained, That no building or structure of any kind (including but not limited to railroad tracks) may be constructed or erected in or on any part of the street closed under this Ordinance until all subsurface structures and appurtenances owned by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore have been abandoned by the Mayor and City Council or, at the expense of the person seeking to erect the building or structure, have been removed and relaid in accordance with the specifications and under the direction of the Director of Transportation of Baltimore City.

Section 5. And be it further ordained, That after the closing under this Ordinance, all subsurface structures and appurtenances owned by any person other than the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall be removed by and at the expense of their owners, promptly upon notice to do so from the Director of Public Works.

Section 6. And be it further ordained, That at all times after the closing under this Ordinance, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, acting by or through its authorized representatives, shall have access to the subject property and to all subsurface structures and appurtenances used by the Mayor and City Council, for the purpose of inspecting, maintaining, repairing, altering, relocating, or replacing any of them, without need to obtain permission from or pay compensation to the owner of the property.

Section 7. And be it further ordained, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is enacted.