City of Baltimore

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 Real Estate)

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning
Acquisition of Property - Block 6990, Lots 1 - 7, and Block 6991, Lots 1 - 26, and the bed of Woodhouse Avenue
For the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire, by purchase or condemnation, the fee simple or other interests in certain property known as Block 6990, Lots 1 through 7, and Block 6991, Lots 1 through 26, and the bed of Woodhouse Avenue needed for the purpose of laying out or extending a public road and the widening of Ralls Avenue as shown on Plat 240-A-56-A 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, and 35
Baltimore City Charter
(1996 Edition)

Recitals

Whereas, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and Baltimore County are working together on a project, known as the Center Place Roadway Extension Project; and

Whereas, the Center Place Roadway Extension Project will provide a new transportation connection from Baltimore City to Historic Dundalk in Baltimore County; and

Whereas, certain parcels needed for the Center Place Roadway Extension Project are on private properties located in Baltimore City; and

Whereas, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and Baltimore County entered into a Memorandum of Understanding approved by the Board of Estimates on April 5, 2023, providing for the acquisition of the private properties and the bed of Woodhouse Avenue located in Baltimore City.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That it is necessary to acquire, for the purpose of laying out or extending a public road and the widening of Ralls Avenue, the fee simple or other interests that the Director of Transportation considers needed or sufficient in the land and improvements known as Block 6990, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, and Block 6991, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26, together with all right, title, and interest in the bed of Woodhouse Avenue from the Baltimore City Boundary Line to Ralls Avenue.

Together with all right, title, interest and estate that the owner of the property has in all streets, alleys, ways, or lanes, public or private, contained within or abutting the property.

As delineated on Plat No. 240-A-56-A, prepared by the Survey Section, and filed on December 7, 2023 in the Office of the Department of Transportation.

Section 2. And be it further ordained, That the Department of Real Estate, or any other person or agency that the Board of Estimates designates, may negotiate and acquire on behalf of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore the fee simple or other interests in the land and improvements described in this Ordinance as needed or sufficient for the purposes described in this Ordinance. If the Department of Real Estate, or the person or agency otherwise designated by the Board of Estimates, is unable to agree with the owner on the purchase price for the property, it shall promptly notify the City Solicitor, who shall institute the necessary legal proceedings to acquire by condemnation the fee simple or other interests needed or sufficient for the purposes described in this Ordinance.

Section 3. And be it further ordained, That proceedings for the acquisition by condemnation of the property described in this Ordinance and all rights of all parties interested or affected shall be in accordance with Title 12 of the Real Property Article of the Maryland Code.

Section 4. And be it further ordained, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is enacted.