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INTRODUCTORY\*

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmember Middleton  
At the request of: Cylburn Arboretum Association  
Address: c/o Nell Strachan  
Telephone: 410-821-6110  
A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning  
**City Property - Naming the Visitors' Orientation and Education Center of the Cylburn Arboretum Association to be the Vollmer Center**

FOR the purpose of naming the Visitors' Orientation and Education Center of the Cylburn Arboretum Association, located at 4915 Greenspring Avenue, to be the Vollmer Center.

BY authority of  
Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement  
Section 20-2  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

### Recitals

Pauline Vollmer, a longtime Baltimore resident, avid gardener, and member of the Cylburn Arboretum Association, the Horticultural Society of Maryland, and the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc., has shared her joy and knowledge of gardening by lecturing about it and by opening her own garden for tours by many local and national gardening organizations. Always oriented to the City, it was her idea to create a place at Cylburn where gardening organizations could pass on the joys and knowledge of gardening to others. Her gift of \$1 million, which the City immediately matched, launched a fund-raising campaign and culminated in the construction of the new building on the grounds of Cylburn Arboretum.

This building will serve as a welcome center for the Arboretum where visitors will receive information about the Arboretum, the historic Cylburn Mansion, the various gardens, education programs and nature walks, Cylburn history, and what is in bloom, etc. A 250-seat auditorium will provide a venue for lectures about horticulture, the environment, and related topics for visitors of all ages. The building will also contain offices for the Cylburn Arboretum Association, the Horticultural Society of Maryland, and the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland. This grouping of organizations will create a hub for all facets of gardening and horticultural education, and through workshops, demonstrations, and lectures, Baltimore will have a center for horticulture that did not before exist.

None of this would have happened without the generosity and efforts of Pauline Vollmer. In recognition of her service, it is fitting that this building be named “The Vollmer Center.”

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Visitors’ Orientation and Education Center of the Cylburn Arboretum Association, located at 4915 Greenspring Avenue, is named the Vollmer Center.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

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