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Introductory*

City of Baltimore Resolution 22- Council Bill 22-

Introduced by: Councilmembers Ramos, Stokes

At the request of: Charles Village Community Benefits District and Management Authority

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council concerning Charles Village Community Benefits District and Management Authority

FOR the purpose of renewing and continuing the Charles Village Community Benefits District and Management Authority; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the activities and authority of the Charles Village Community Benefits District and Management Authority.

Recitals

The Charles Village Community Benefits District (the “District”) and its Management Authority (the “Authority”) were created by Ordinance 94-414 pursuant to authorization from the Maryland General Assembly that allowed the City to create community benefits districts. (*See* 1994 Md. Laws ch. 732.)

In 1997, the General Assembly passed a law requiring that only it may it reauthorize community benefit districts, but in 2000 transferred the reauthorization function to the Mayor and City Council. (*See* 1997 Md. Laws ch. 655; 2000 Md. Laws ch. 89. *See also* 2000 Md. Laws ch. 475; 2018 Md. Laws chs. 226 and 227.)

In 1998, in accordance with then City Charter Article II, § 63, and Ordinance 94-414, the Mayor and City Council adopted Resolution 98-011 to continue the Charles Village Community Benefits District and its Management Authority through June 30, 2002. Resolution 98-011 further provided that, no later than 4 years after June 30, 2002, the City Council should hold a public hearing to evaluate the activities and undertakings of the District and the Authority and, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article II, § 63, and Ordinance 94-414 (now codified in City Code Article 14, Subtitle 6), determine whether the District and Authority should be further continued.

In 2000, after the passage of Resolution 98-011, the General Assembly amended Article II, § 63, to require that the Mayor and City Council “review and determine the desirability of continuing” the District “every 4 years . . . beginning with the first meeting of the Mayor and City Council in December 2002”. (Art. II, § 63(h)(1)(i), as enacted by Ch. 89, Acts of 2000.)

In 2002, given the imminent expiration of the District and Authority on June 30, 2002 (per Resolution 98-011), coupled with the requirement to begin a new 4-year review cycle starting in December 2002 (per Ch. 89, Acts of 2000), the Mayor and City Council adopted Resolution 02-028 as an interim measure, continuing the District and Authority for 1 year, through June 30, 2003, with any further continuation to be subject to a subsequent review beginning December

2002.

In 2003, the General Assembly further amended Article II, § 63, to require that the 4-year review cycles “begi[n] with the first meeting of the Mayor and City Council in December 2001”. (Art. II, § 63(h)(1)(i), as amended by Ch. 475, Acts of 2003.)

In 2003, by Ordinance 03-574, the Mayor and City Council continued the District and its Authority through June 30, 2006. In 2006, by Resolution 06-012, the Mayor and City Council again continued the District and its Authority through June 30, 2010. In 2010, by Resolution 10-22, the Mayor and City Council again continued the District and its Authority through June 30, 2014. In 2014, by Resolution 14-15, the Mayor and City Council again continued the District and its Authority through June 30, 2018. And, in 2018, by Resolution 18-06, the Mayor and City Council again continued the District and its Authority through June 30, 2022.

In a subsequent review, the City Council found that the Authority continues to initiate and carry out numerous activities and undertakings in compliance with City Charter Article II, § 63, and City Code Article 14, Subtitle 6, including the implementation of public safety programs, a sanitation and maintenance program, and a community promotion program. All of these programs support the redevelopment of the Charles Village area and address problems within the District.

Based on this review, the City Council finds that the renewal and continuation of the District and its Authority are in the best interest of the citizens of Baltimore.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Charles Village Community Benefits District and its Management Authority are continued through June 30, 2026.

Section 2. And be it further resolved, That, beginning at its first meeting in December 2025, the Mayor and City Council shall review and determine the desirability of continuing the District and its Authority beyond June 30, 2026.

Section 3. And be it further resolved, That this Resolution takes effect on the date it is enacted.