



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

City of Baltimore Council Bill

Introduced by: Councilmember Burnett

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning
City Streets - Naming an Unnamed 15-Foot Lane, Located in the Vicinity of William Street and Beechwood Avenue, Unity Lane

For the purpose of naming an unnamed 15-foot lane, located in the vicinity of William Street and Beechwood Avenue in the Franklintown Community and measuring approximately 315 feet east of the William Street intersection and approximately 120 feet west of the William Street intersection, Unity Lane.

By authority of

Article 26 - Surveys, Streets, and Highways
Section 7-3
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

Recitals

Since the early 1900's, the unnamed 15-foot lane has been present, nameless, and recognized as a right of way by successive deeds and subdivision proposals. Two houses, located on two separate lots, were built adjacent to the unnamed lane probably in the first quarter of the 1900's, with their backs facing the lane and with their fronts facing Division Street, a proposed right of way that was never improved from its original wooded and rocky state. The unnamed lane has been the only means of entry/exit since the houses were built. The lane measures approximately 315 feet east of the William Street intersection and approximately 120 feet west of the William Street intersection.

The owner-occupants of the properties adjacent to the unnamed 15-foot lane have requested that the lane be named. The lane is the only access to their homes. Division Street is an unimproved "paper street", unlikely to have this status changed at any time in the near future because of immense and possibly prohibitive costs. Because of the lack of an official name for the lane, confusion has developed as to where the houses are actually to be found, and this has resulted in the delay of needed emergency service. Having an officially recognized location of the houses will prevent the delay of emergency service and will also resolve confusion surrounding the right of way.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the unnamed 15-foot lane,

located in the vicinity of William Street and Beechwood Avenue in the Franklinton Community and measuring approximately 315 feet east of the William Street intersection and approximately 120 feet west of the William Street intersection, is named Unity Lane.

Section 2. And be it further ordained, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.