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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 13-Foot Alley and a 20-Foot Alley
For the purpose of condemning and closing a 13-foot alley, extending from East Biddle Street Northerly 80 feet, to a 20-foot alley; and a 20-foot alley, extending from North Washington Street Easterly 241.5 feet, more or less, laid out in the rear of the properties known as nos. 2000 through 2030 East Biddle Street, as shown on Plat 314-B-16A 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 13-foot alley, extending from East Biddle Street Northerly 80 feet, to a 20-foot alley; and a 20-foot alley, extending from North Washington Street Easterly 241.5 feet, more or less, laid out in the rear of the properties known as nos. 2000 through 2030 East Biddle Street, and more particularly described as follows:

> Beginning for Parcel 1 at the point formed by the intersection of the east side of a 13-foot alley and the north side of East Biddle Street 66 feet wide, the point of beginning being distant 194 feet measured along the north side of East Biddle Street from the intersection of North Chester Street 60 feet wide, and the north side of East Biddle Street; thence binding on the north side of East Biddle Street Westerly 13 feet to the west side of the 13-foot alley; thence binding on the west side of 13-foot alley Northerly 80 feet to intersect the south side of a 20-foot alley; thence binding on the south side of the 20-foot alley Easterly 21.9 feet, more or less, to the easternmost extremity of the 20-foot alley; thence leaving the easternmost extremity of the 20-foot alley Southwesterly 13.4 feet, more or less,
> to the intersection of the south side of a 10-foot alley and the east side of the 13-foot alley and thence binding on the east side of the 13-foot alley Southerly 70 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 1,085 square feet or 0.0249 acres, more or less.

Beginning for Parcel 2 at the point formed by the intersection of the south side of a 20-foot alley and the east side of North Washington Street 60 feet wide, the point of beginning being distant 80 feet measured along the east side of North Washington Street from the intersection of the north side of East Biddle Street 66 feet wide, and the east side of North Washington Street; thence binding on the north side of North Washington Street Northerly 20 feet to the north side of a 20- foot alley; thence binding on the north side of the 20-foot alley Easterly 241.5 feet, more or less, to the easternmost extremity of the 20-foot alley laid out in the rear of the properties known as nos. 2000 through 2030 East Biddle Street; thence binding on the easternmost extremity of the 20-foot alley Southerly 20 feet to intersect the south side of the 20-foot alley and thence binding on the south side of the 20-foot alley 241.5 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

Containing 4,830 square feet or 0.1108 acres, more or less.

As delineated on Plat 314-B-16A, prepared by the Survey Section and filed on July 17, 2020, 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 13-foot alley and the 20-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.

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