

Chapter 227

(House Bill 788)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Community Benefits Districts

FOR the purpose of repealing the limitation on the number of community benefits district management authorities that the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may establish; and generally relating to the authority of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to establish community benefits districts.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Charter of Baltimore City
Article II – General Powers
Section (63)(a)
(2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

The Charter of Baltimore City

Article II – General Powers

The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland; and in particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by ordinance, or such other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the provisions of said Constitution and Public General Laws:

(63)

(a) (1) To establish, by ordinance, [not more than six] community benefits district management authorities, including the Charles Village Community Benefits District and the Midtown Community Benefits District, within the City to provide services consistent with paragraph (2) of this subsection to the business interests and residents of the proposed district.

(2) To establish community benefits district management authorities to promote and market districts, provide supplemental security and maintenance services, provide amenities in public areas, provide park and recreational programs and functions, and after an authority is established, other services and functions as requested by the authority and approved through an ordinance by the Mayor and City Council.

(3) To provide that community benefits district management authorities shall be proposed by the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City and approved through an ordinance by the Mayor and City Council.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2018.