

Chapter 81

(Senate Bill 783)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – West North Avenue Development Authority

FOR the purpose of establishing the West North Avenue Development Authority in Baltimore City; authorizing the Authority to manage certain funds; providing for the composition, ~~chair, and staffing~~ and chair of the Authority; prohibiting a member of the Authority from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Authority to support and develop a certain neighborhood revitalization plan in coordination with certain residents; authorizing the Authority to modify certain boundaries, subject to a certain vote; requiring the Authority to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the West North Avenue Development Authority.

BY adding to

Article – Economic Development

Section 12–701 through 12–706 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7. Baltimore City – West North Avenue Development Authority”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Economic Development

SUBTITLE 7. BALTIMORE CITY – WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

12–701.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) “BUFFER ZONE” MEANS THE AREA WITHIN 250 YARDS OF THE TARGET AREA.

(C) “TARGET AREA” MEANS THE PORTION OF WEST NORTH AVENUE IN BALTIMORE CITY BETWEEN THE 600 BLOCK AND THE 3200 BLOCK, INCLUSIVE.

12-702.

THERE IS A WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN BALTIMORE CITY.

12-703.

(A) THE AUTHORITY CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

(1) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND WHO REPRESENTS THE TARGET AREA, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

(2) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES WHO REPRESENTS THE TARGET AREA, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

(3) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(4) THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(5) ONE MEMBER OF THE BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL WHO REPRESENTS THE TARGET AREA, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL;

(6) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE CITY;

(7) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

(8) THE DIRECTOR OF THE BALTIMORE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

(9) THE COMMISSIONER OF THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OR THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIGNEE;

(10) THE DIRECTOR OF THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

(11) THE DIRECTOR OF THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

(12) THE PRESIDENT OF COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY, OR THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE; ~~AND~~

(13) THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE COLLEGE OF ART, OR THE PRESIDENT’S DESIGNEE; AND

(14) TWO MEMBERS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY THE TARGET AREA OR BUFFER ZONE, SELECTED BY THE MAJORITY VOTE OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

(I) ALLIANCE OF ROSEMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS;

(II) BOLTON HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION;

(III) COPPIN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION;

(IV) DRUID HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION;

(V) GREATER MONDAWMIN COORDINATING COUNCIL;

(VI) PENN NORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION; AND

(VII) COLLECTIVELY, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE RESERVOIR HILL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL, THE RESERVOIR HILL ASSOCIATION, AND THE UPPER EUTAW MADISON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.

~~(B) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS SHALL ELECT EITHER THE MEMBER DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(12) OR (13) OF THIS SECTION TO BE THE CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY~~ THE PRESIDENT OF COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY, OR THE PRESIDENT’S DESIGNEE, SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY.

12-704.

~~(A) THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, IN COORDINATION WITH THE AUTHORITY, SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE AUTHORITY.~~ THE AUTHORITY MAY MANAGE APPROPRIATED FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF BALTIMORE AND THE STATE.

(B) THE AUTHORITY MAY RECEIVE DONATED SERVICES FROM ACCOUNTANTS, LAWYERS, OR OTHER CONSULTANTS AS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) THE AUTHORITY MAY SUPERVISE, MANAGE, AND TERMINATE STAFF AND CONSULTANTS AS NECESSARY.

12-705.

A MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY:

(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY; BUT

(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

12-706.

(A) THE AUTHORITY SHALL:

(1) SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL OF A COMPREHENSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN IN THE TARGET AREA AND THE BUFFER ZONE TO BENEFIT:

(I) THE RESIDENTS;

(II) HOUSING;

(III) NEIGHBORHOODS;

(IV) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND

(V) TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS; AND

(2) WORK IN COORDINATION WITH THE RESIDENTS OF THE TARGET AREA AND THE BUFFER ZONE TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN.

(B) THE AUTHORITY MAY, BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY, MODIFY THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TARGET AREA AND THE BUFFER ZONE.

(C) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2023, THE AUTHORITY SHALL REPORT ITS COMPREHENSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of September

30, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, April 13, 2021.