

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0134
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: The Council President

At the request of: The Administration (Department of Transportation)

Introduced and read first time: November 24, 2025

Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Transportation, Planning Commission,
Department of Public Works, Department of Housing and Community Development

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

**City Streets – Closing – A Portion of Falls Road at the
Intersection of West Cold Spring Lane**

FOR the purpose of condemning and closing a portion of Falls Road located on the east side of Falls Road Northerly 135.5 Feet from the north side of West Cold Spring Lane, as shown on a plat numbered 284-A-17A and dated March 1, 2025, prepared by the Survey Section, and filed 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 portion of Falls Road located on the east side of Falls Road Northerly 135.5 Feet from the north side of West Cold Spring Lane and more particularly described as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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**Description of a
Portion of Falls Road at the Intersection of
West Cold Spring Lane**

Ward 27, Section 16, Block 4778-G

Beginning for Parcel 1 at the point formed by the intersection of the south side of the property known as 4535/4539 Falls Road, variable width and the east side of said Falls Road said point of beginning being distant Northerly 320.5 feet measured along the east side of said Falls Road from the north side of West Cold Spring Lane variable width and the east side of said Falls Road; thence binding on the south side of said of said property known as 4535/4539 Falls Road Easterly 15 feet more or less, to the easternmost of Falls Road; thence on the easternmost side of said Falls Road Southerly 185 feet more or less, to the northern side of the property known as 4501 Falls Road; thence binding on said norther side of said property Westerly 15 feet more or less, and thence Northerly 185 feet more or less, to the place of beginning.

Containing 2775 square feet or 0.0637 acres more or less.

As delineated on a plat numbered 284-A-17A, prepared by the Survey Control Section, and filed on March 1, 2025 in the Office of the Department of Transportation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the proceedings for the condemnation and closing of a portion of Falls Road located on the east side of Falls Road Northerly 135.5 Feet from the north side of West Cold Spring Lane 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 Department 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 Transportation.

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1 **SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That at all times after the closing under this
2 Ordinance, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, acting by or through its authorized
3 representatives, shall have access to the subject property and to all subsurface structures and
4 appurtenances used by the Mayor and City Council, for the purpose of inspecting, maintaining,
5 repairing, altering, relocating, or replacing any of them, without need to obtain permission from
6 or pay compensation to the owner of the property.

7 **SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
8 enacted.