

CITY, EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OR OF ANY CITY AGENCY SUCCEEDING TO ITS FUNCTIONS MAY BE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY.

(I) NOTWITHSTANDING § 1-301 OF THIS ARTICLE, NO HOUSING PROJECT AS DEFINED OR DESCRIBED IN § 1-103(L) OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE COMMENCED, ARRANGED, CONTRACTED FOR, OR CARRIED OUT IN THE CITY OF BALTIMORE UNLESS AND UNTIL ITS LOCATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES OF BALTIMORE CITY.

(J) SECTION 1-402 OF THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED AS LIMITING THE POWER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY TO RENT OR LEASE HOUSING OR HOUSING PROJECTS TO PERSONS OF ELIGIBLE INCOME. WHEN USED IN § 1-402 OF THIS ARTICLE OR IN THIS SUBSECTION, AS APPLIED TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY, THE PHRASE "HOUSING OR HOUSING PROJECT" SHALL BE DEFINED AS ANY UNDERTAKING OR PROJECT, OR PORTION THEREOF, INCLUDING LANDS, BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS, REAL, MIXED AND PERSONAL PROPERTIES, OR INTEREST THEREIN THAT IS PLANNED, ACQUIRED, OWNED, DEVELOPED, CONSTRUCTED, RECONSTRUCTED, REHABILITATED, OR IMPROVED FOR PURPOSES OF PROVIDING DWELLING ACCOMMODATIONS, A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF WHICH ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL BE FOR PERSONS OF ELIGIBLE INCOME, AND SUCH STREETS, ROADS, SEWER AND WATERLINES, AND OTHER SUPPORTING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FACILITIES INTENDED FOR COMMERCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, COMMUNITY, OR OTHER CIVIC PURPOSES AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY FOR SOUND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

(K) THE ENUMERATION OF POWERS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED IN ANY WAY TO IMPLY THAT THE EXERCISE OF ANY SUCH POWERS BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF WAS NOT AUTHORIZED BY PRIOR LAW.

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(A) IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND DECLARED THAT THERE EXISTS WITHIN THE AREA OF OPERATION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY UNSAFE AND UNSANITARY HOUSING CONDITIONS AND A SHORTAGE OF SAFE AND SANITARY DWELLING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS OF ELIGIBLE INCOME; THAT THESE CONDITIONS NECESSITATE EXCESSIVE AND DISPROPORTIONATE EXPENDITURES OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR CRIME PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, FIRE AND ACCIDENT PROTECTION, AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES; AND THAT