

rehabilitation of slum areas or blighted areas, including the acquisition of property for such purposes with certain provisions in regard to such acquisition by the exercise of the power of eminent domain; declaring such activities to constitute governmental functions in furtherance of which the Mayor and Council of Easton may exercise the power of taxation, expend public funds and extend public credit; granting to the Mayor and Council of Easton certain additional powers and authority necessary or proper to carry into full force and effect the powers hereinabove mentioned and placing certain restrictions and limitations on certain powers granted.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Section is hereby added to the Charter of the Town of Easton, the same being Section 168 A of Article 21, Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Ed.), Title, Talbot County, Sub-title, Easton, said new Section to be known as Section 168 A, titled "Redevelopment Urban Renewal" and to follow immediately after Section 168, to read as follows:

*Section 168A Redevelopment-Urban Renewal*

*Sub-Section 1. Definitions*

*The following terms wherever used or referred to in this Article shall have the following meanings, unless a different meaning is clearly indicated by the context:*

(a) "Federal Government" shall include the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality, corporate or otherwise, of the United States of America.

(b) "Slum Area" shall mean any area where dwellings predominate which, by reason of depreciation, overcrowding, faulty arrangement or design, lack of ventilation, light or sanitary facilities, or any combination of these factors, are detrimental to the public safety, health or morals.

(c) "Blighted Area" shall mean an area in which a majority of buildings have declined in productivity by reason of obsolescence, depreciation or other causes to an extent they no longer justify fundamental repairs and adequate maintenance.

(d) "Urban Renewal Project" shall mean undertakings and activities of a municipality in an urban renewal area for the elimination and for the prevention of the development or spread of slums and blight, and may involve slum clearance and redevelopment in an urban renewal area, or rehabilitation or conservation in an urban renewal area, or any combination or part thereof in accordance with an urban renewal plan. Such undertakings and activities may include—

(1) acquisition of a slum area or a blighted area or portion thereof;

(2) demolition and removal of buildings and improvements;

(3) installation, construction or reconstruction of streets, utilities, parks, playgrounds, and other improvements necessary for carrying out in the urban renewal area the urban renewal objectives of this Article in accordance with the urban renewal plan;