

~~commercial purposes~~ growth; making technical corrections; and generally relating to the authority of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to acquire land and property for industrial, ~~commercial, and economic development purposes~~ growth.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Charter of Baltimore City

Article II – General Powers

Section (15A)(a)

(1996 Edition, 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:

(15A)

(a) (1) **[To]** SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, TO acquire, within the boundary lines of Baltimore City, land and property of every kind, by purchase, gift, CONDEMNATION, or any other legal means[, but except within the areas described in paragraph (2) of this subsection and except under the condition provided for in paragraph (3) of this subsection, not by eminent domain,] for or in connection with the public purpose of the industrial ~~and economic~~ growth of Baltimore City[;

(2) (Abrogated by Ch. 354, 1988 Acts of the General Assembly.)].

**[(3)](2)** Except as authorized by Section (15) of this article, property zoned and occupied exclusively for residential use may not be acquired by [eminent domain] CONDEMNATION for industrial ~~or commercial purposes~~ GROWTH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved April 10, 2001.