closed or gated alley to a certain entity; and generally relating to gated or closed public alleys in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Charter of Baltimore City

Article II - General Powers

Section (35)

(1996 Edition and 2000 Supplement, 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:

(35)

- (a) To regulate the construction and installation of public streets, lanes and alleys, and private streets, lanes and alleys used or intended to be used by the public;
- (b) To ascertain, fix, establish and mark on the ground, from time to time, the lines and grades of any or all such public or private streets, lanes and alleys, or any part or parts thereof, and to require conformity thereto:
- (c) To regulate the construction and installation of utilities and other facilities in, under or over any or all such public or private streets, lanes and alleys:
- (d) To prevent encroachment on, or obstruction of, any of such public or private streets, lanes or alleys, or any public places;
- (E) TO <u>CLOSE OR</u> GATE OR CLOSE A PUBLIC <u>AN</u> ALLEY THAT IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR THROUGH PEDESTRIAN OR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE; AND
- (F) TO LEASE A CLOSED OR GATED ALLEY TO AN ENTITY THAT IS FORMED BY CONSISTS OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF A MAJORITY OF THE WHOSE LOTS ABUTTING ABUT THE ALLEY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October July 1, 2004.

Approved May 11, 2004.