

As used in this Act the term "blighted area" means any area in Baltimore City where obsolescence and other factors have brought about conditions which render the majority of the property unfit for human habitation or unproductive from the standpoint of taxes to the city and where fundamental repairs and adequate maintenance are no longer practicable. The term "slum" means any area in Baltimore City in which a majority of the dwellings are detrimental to the health, safety or morals of the occupants by reason of delapidation, over-crowding, faulty arrangements, lack of ventilation, light or sanitary conditions or any combination of these factors. The term "redevelopment plan" means a plan for the redevelopment of all or any part of a slum or blighted area, including any amendments thereto made or approved by a Land Development Commission of Baltimore City, formed in accordance with the provisions of this Act. A redevelopment plan shall include: (1) land to be acquired for re-development purposes or uses; (2) minimum requirements and standards for construction of all buildings in the said areas, including plumbing, electrical and other facilities.

The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore is hereby given authority to create a public corporation for Baltimore City, said corporation to be known as the "Land Development Commission" of Baltimore City, to be composed of five persons to be appointed by the Mayor of the city, for terms of five years, but of those first appointed, one shall be for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of four years and one for a term of five years. One of said persons shall be designated by the Mayor as Chairman of said Land Development Commission. Their successors shall be appointed for terms of five years each and all vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor for the unexpired term. Three of the persons so appointed shall have had at least five years of professional or vocational activity in work relating to urban land use, architecture, development engineering, city planning, land development, mortgage financing, or real estate, and the other two shall be representative citizens who are interested in community and civic affairs. The members of said Land Development Commission shall serve without compensation but it may appoint an executive-secretary to conduct the administrative details of its work and such other assistants and employees as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon said Land Development Commission by this Act, all of whom, including the Executive Secretary, shall be appointed under the rules and regulations of the City Service Commission. Sufficient funds may be appropriated by the city to pay the compensation of such employees and the other expenses of the Commission. The Mayor and City Council may