

Amendment 5 to Council Bill 58-2009 (as amended)

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(This amendment clarifies the vision for Downtown Columbia, recognizes existing Town Center neighborhoods and adds a description of the Mall neighborhood.)

1 In the attachment, on page 3, strike the third full paragraph 3, and substitute:
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3 “The planning challenge today is how best to complete Rouse’s vision of a “real city” by
4 creating a vital Downtown Columbia in which residents can live, shop, work, entertain, exercise
5 and enjoy cultural opportunities in an enriched natural setting. General Growth Properties
6 intends to redevelop its property in Downtown Columbia and work with other property owners to
7 create a dynamic, walkable downtown that lives up to its existing as well as future citizens’
8 needs and its founder’s expectations: a downtown that will serve as a strong new heart for
9 Columbia.”

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12 In the attachment, on page 4, strike the first full paragraph 1, and substitute:

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14 “THE NEIGHBORHOODS

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16 This Plan includes six new and reconfigured downtown neighborhoods – Warfield, The Mall,

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The Lakefront and Lakefront Core, The Crescent, Merriweather/Symphony Woods and

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Symphony Overlook. The neighborhood structure for downtown encourages a greater mix of
19 uses with the emphasis on certain uses varying between neighborhoods. As these new

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neighborhoods develop, it will be important to create convenient connections to the existing

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Town Center neighborhoods of Vantage Point, Banneker, Warfield Triangle and Lakefront.

1 These connections along with the varied mix of uses and each neighborhood’s plan for amenity
2 spaces will create a more cohesive community with distinctive identities for each neighborhood.”

3 In the attachment, on page 6, strike the fourth full paragraph and substitute:

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5 “Where the community gathers to shop, eat and be entertained.

6 Location: Centered between Warfield, Symphony Overlook and the Lakefront
7 neighborhoods.

8 The Mall in Columbia is currently a successful regional center with five department stores, a
9 movie theatre and a diverse collection of restaurants. To enhance the economic strength of the
10 Mall and as a response to increased competition, special attention is given to the Mall in this Plan
11 by placing the Mall in its own neighborhood. Any redevelopment of the Mall must comply with
12 the Design Guidelines for the Mall neighborhood. Through the Design Guidelines, any
13 redevelopment of the Mall will provide amenities including but not be limited to, improvements
14 to underutilized areas around the Mall such as sidewalks, curbs, plantings and landscaping, street
15 furniture and other streetscape improvements, lighting, public art,
16 enhanced hardscaping, transit improvements and improved safety features. These improvements
17 will strengthen linkages between the neighborhoods and will provide attractive, pedestrian-
18 friendly environments around the Mall that will encourage businesses to locate and remain in
19 Downtown. The Design Guidelines will also promote the Mall as a center of social activity
20 and economy for Howard County.”

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