



SYNOPSIS

Committee: Health, Environment, and Technology

City Council Resolution: 22-0117R

Informational Hearing - Baltimore Public Sanitation - Homeless Encampments

Sponsor: Councilmember Porter, et al

Introduced: July 11, 2022

Purpose:

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Public Works, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Baltimore City Health Department, the Baltimore City Police Department, and the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services to brief the City Council on potential strategies for mitigating waste left by homeless encampments, including a discussion regarding the procurement of a contracted service to clear hazardous waste from such encampments.

Effective: Upon enactment

AGENCY REPORTS

Department of Public Works	
Mayor's Office of Homeless Services	
Health Department	
Department of Housing and Community Development	
Police Department	
City Solicitor	

ANALYSIS

The resolution asks representatives from the relevant agencies to brief the City Council on potential strategies for mitigating waste left by homeless encampments, including a discussion regarding the procurement of a contracted service to clear hazardous waste from such encampments.



The resolution notes that homeless encampments have become more prevalent in the City, leading to more refuse in surrounding areas. Additionally, refuse left around homeless encampments often contains bio-hazardous materials, including human and animal waste, non-regulated trash, and drug paraphernalia, presenting considerable environmental health risks. The resolution also recognizes that designating an agency or contractor to clear refuse left by homeless encampments could alleviate the undue burden and potential health risks to local residents.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fiscal Note: None

Information Source(s): Resolution 22-0117R.

Analysis by: 
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