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Introduced by: Councilmember Burnett

*James, Henry, Keith, Sawyer, Pinkett, Dorsey, Kravitz, Bullock, Gochen,*

Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference

Date: November 13, 2017

Referred to: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION**

Committee

*Middleton  
Stokes  
Sheed  
Clarke*

Also referred for recommendation and report to municipal agencies listed on reverse.

CITY COUNCIL 17-0054R

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials in blue ink, including names like Dorsey, Kravitz, Bullock, Gochen, Middleton, Stokes, Sheed, Clarke, and others.]*

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**Agencies**

_____	Baltimore City Public School System
_____	Baltimore Development Corporation
_____	City Solicitor
_____	Comptroller's Office
_____	Department of Audits
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_____	Department of General Services
_____	Department of Housing and Community Development
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_____	Department of Planning
_____	Other: _____
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_____	Department of Public Works
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_____	Department of Recreation and Parks
_____	Department of Transportation
_____	Fire Department
_____	Health Department
_____	Mayor's Office of Employment Development
_____	Mayor's Office of Human Services
_____	Mayor's Office of Information Technology
_____	Office of the Mayor
_____	Police Department
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Other: _____
_____	Board of Estimators
_____	Board of Ethics
_____	Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals
_____	Comm. for Historical and Architectural Preservation
_____	Commission on Sustainability
_____	Employees' Retirement System
_____	Other: _____
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_____	Other: _____
_____	Environmental Control Board
_____	Fire & Police Employees' Retirement System
_____	Labor Commissioner
_____	Parking Authority Board
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_____	Other: _____
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**Boards and Commissions**

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 17-0054R  
(Resolution)**

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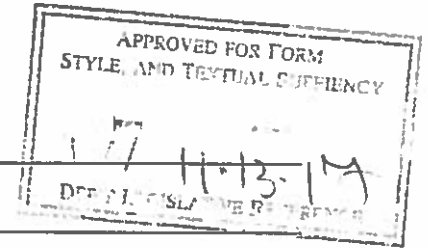
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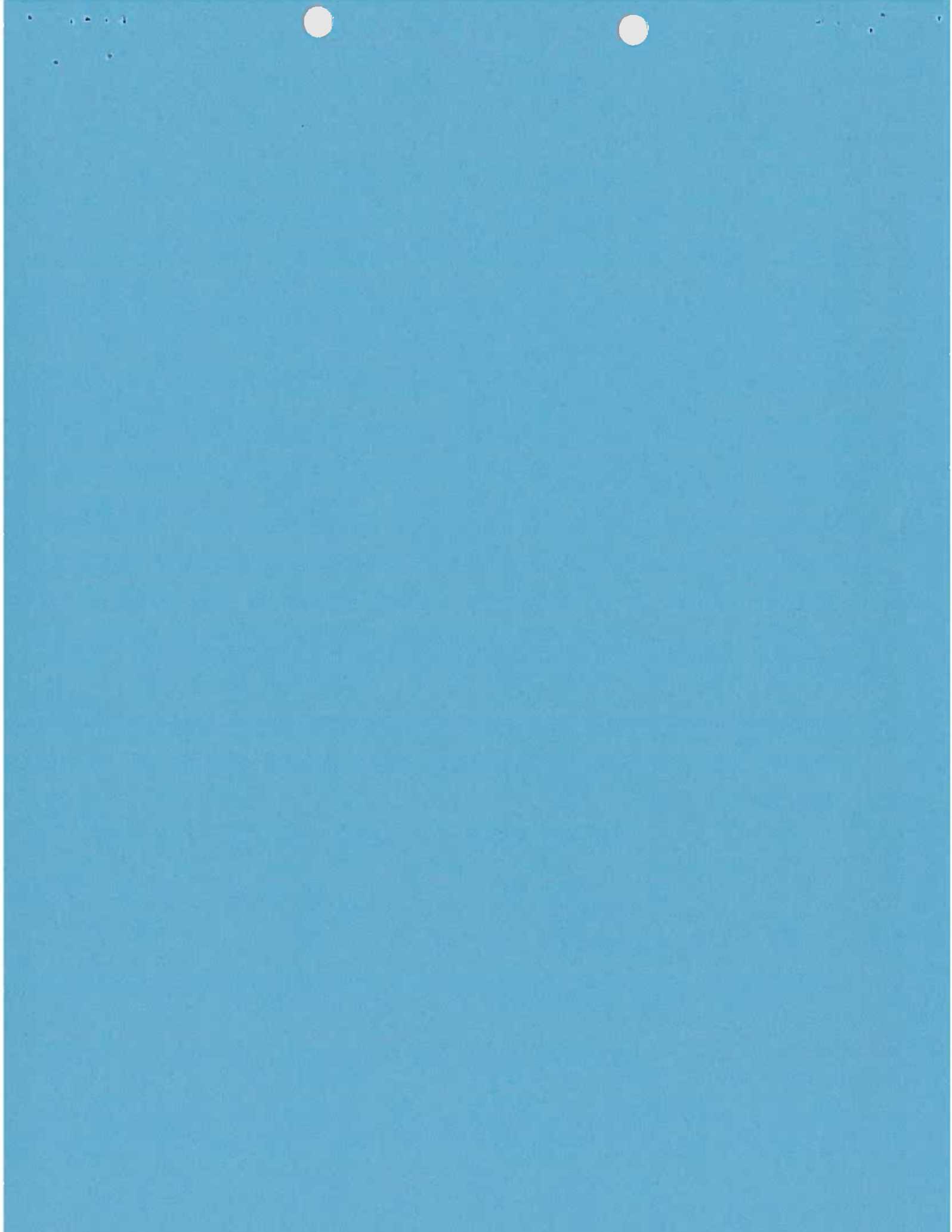
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**ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

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FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ FAVORABLE \_\_\_\_\_ UNFAVORABLE \_\_\_\_\_ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

\_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

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THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

WITHDRAWAL \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.

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President

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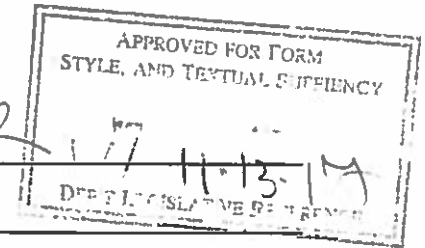
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