

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 21-0083R  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Middleton, Cohen, Torrence, Ramos, Dorsey, Glover

Introduced and read first time: December 6, 2021

Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, Office of the City Administrator

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Investigative Hearing – Baltimore City Sheriff's Office**  
3 **- Eviction Procedures**  
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5 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, the  
6 Department of Housing and Community Development, concerned citizens, and other  
7 interested parties to appear before the City Council to inform the Council about the current  
8 procedure followed by the Sheriff's Office during the eviction process, any recurring  
9 problems that need to be addressed, any improvements that can be made to facilitate  
10 communication of the Sheriff's Office's ability to appear at a residence on a designated day  
11 and time, and any efforts to improve general eviction procedures.

12 **Recitals**

13 **WHEREAS**, eviction proceedings are on the rise due to financial difficulties created by the  
14 COVID-19 pandemic;

15 **WHEREAS**, the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office is often tasked with the difficult process of  
16 mediating between landlords and tenants during eviction proceedings; and

17 **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of all involved in eviction proceedings for the process to  
18 be streamlined, legal, and efficient.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the  
20 Council invites representatives from the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, the Department of  
21 Housing and Community Development, concerned citizens, and other interested parties to inform  
22 the Council about the current procedure followed by the Sheriff's Office during the eviction  
23 process, any recurring problems that need to be addressed, any improvements that can be made to  
24 facilitate communication of the Sheriff's Office's ability to appear at a residence on a designated  
25 day and time, and any efforts to improve eviction procedures.

26 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Baltimore City  
27 Sheriff, the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the  
28 Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.