

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 09-0144R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Cole, Kraft, Spector, Welch, Henry, Middleton, Clarke,
Reisinger, Curran

Introduced and read first time: August 10, 2009

Assigned to: Community Development Subcommittee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Recreation and Parks

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Over-used Parks – Enhanced**
3 **Maintenance to Prevent/Repair Damage**

4 FOR the purpose of inviting the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks to a City
5 Council hearing to explore suggestions, ideas, or plans to prevent damage from occurring or
6 to repair damage that has been done to those parks that are over-used for events.

7 **Recitals**

8 Each year four parks in Baltimore City significantly increase usage for events, including
9 weddings and other private celebrations, community events, and city-wide events. The increased
10 usage causes damage that normal park maintenance cannot address.

11 Parks such as Druid Hill Park, Patterson Park, Federal Hill Park, and Mt. Vernon Place are
12 heavily utilized throughout the year for many special events. Federal Hill Park, for example, has
13 already surpassed its highest annual usage ever with four months remaining in the calendar year.

14 While we want to encourage outdoor events in Baltimore, we must also invest in keeping our
15 parks in good condition and repairing the damage caused by overutilization. We commend the
16 Department of Recreation and Parks for their general park maintenance. The requested hearing
17 is meant to explore additional maintenance for those parks with a level of use that is destructive.

18 The purpose of this hearing is to insure that our over-used parks remain in good condition so
19 that they can continue to host a large number of events.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
21 Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks is invited to brief the Council on
22 suggestions, ideas, or plans to prevent damage from occurring or to repair damage that has been
23 done to those parks that are over-used for events.

24 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
25 Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the
26 City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.