

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0056R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Dorsey, Scott, Bullock, Schleifer, Cohen, Clarke, Burnett,
Sneed, Henry

Introduced and read first time: December 4, 2017

Assigned to: Labor Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Human Resources

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Calling for a Parking Cash-Out Option for City Employees**

3 FOR the purpose of calling for the establishment of a parking cash-out option for all City
4 employees that would pay a cash amount equivalent to the parking subsidy option provided to
5 that employee.

6 **Recitals**

7 **WHEREAS**, more than 600 Baltimore City employees choose to drive to work in part because
8 their parking is subsidized, costing Baltimore City more than \$800,000 per year.

9 **WHEREAS**, plans prepared by the Baltimore City Planning Department and Baltimore City
10 Department of Transportation, including the Comprehensive Master Plan, the Sustainability Plan,
11 the Climate Action Plan, and the Bicycle Master Plan, express support for the goal of reducing
12 private automobile trips by shifting those trips to walking, bicycling, carpooling, and public
13 transportation.

14 **WHEREAS**, cities across the country have begun offering financial incentives for employees
15 to give up their parking spaces through parking cash-out programs, which allow employees to
16 choose between keeping their subsidized parking space, or accepting a cash payment equal to the
17 value of the parking subsidy to which they are otherwise entitled.

18 **WHEREAS**, these parking cash-out programs have been shown to successfully decrease
19 employees driving alone to work while increasing carpooling, walking, biking, and use of public
20 transportation.

21 **WHEREAS**, case studies from cities that have implemented parking cash-out indicate that
22 these programs are simple, fair, and benefit commuters, employers, taxpayers and the
23 environment.

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the
25 Council calls for the establishment of a parking cash-out option for all City employees that would
26 pay a cash amount equivalent to the parking subsidy option provided to that employee.

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

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1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
2 Director of Human Resources, the Finance Director, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the
3 City Council.