

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 23-0201R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Porter and Bullock

Introduced and read first time: November 20, 2023

Assigned to: Health, Environment, and Technology Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Health Department

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Medical Waste Incinerators**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Public Works, the Baltimore
4 Health Department, Baltimore City hospitals, institutions that make use of medical waste
5 incinerators in Baltimore City, and any other relevant stakeholders to discuss: (1) which local
6 hospitals send waste to medical incinerators in Baltimore City and which local hospitals do
7 not; (2) what, if any, oversight mechanisms these hospitals have in place over their hazardous
8 waste disposal service contracts; (3) the sustainability and environmental justice
9 commitments local hospitals have made and how those commitments may conflict with
10 service contracts the hospitals have with medical waste incineration companies that have long
11 histories of environmental violations; and (4) what hospitals intend to do in the immediate
12 future to mitigate the negative effects of their medical waste disposal on Baltimore’s
13 communities.

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
15 Council invites representatives from the Department of Public Works, the Baltimore Health
16 Department, Baltimore City hospitals, institutions that make use of medical waste incinerators in
17 Baltimore City, and any other relevant stakeholders to discuss: (1) which local hospitals send
18 waste to medical incinerators in Baltimore City and which local hospitals do not; (2) what, if any,
19 oversight mechanisms these hospitals have in place over their hazardous waste disposal service
20 contracts; (3) the sustainability and environmental justice commitments local hospitals have
21 made and how those commitments may conflict with service contracts the hospitals have with
22 medical waste incineration companies that have long histories of environmental violations; and
23 (4) what hospitals intend to do in the immediate future to mitigate the negative effects of their
24 medical waste disposal on Baltimore’s communities.

25 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Director of the
26 Department of Public Works, the Commissioner of the Baltimore Health Department, relevant
27 stakeholders, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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