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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Bill: 22-0101R

Informational Hearing - Mayor's Recommendations - 30-Day Review of Strategies to Eliminate Vacant and Abandoned Properties

Sponsor: Councilmember Ramos

Introduced: April 25, 2022

Purpose:

For the purpose of inviting the City Administrator, the Deputy Mayor for Community and Economic Development, the City Solicitor, the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Director of Finance, and the Director of the Department of Public Works to appear before the Baltimore City Council to present the findings and recommendations of the Mayor's 30-Day review for eliminating privately and publicly owned vacant and abandoned properties.

Agency Reports

City Solicitor	Favorable
Department of Housing and Community Development	
Office of the City Administrator	
Department of Public Works	
Department of Finance	

Analysis

Background

On January 31, 2022, City agencies were given 30-days to conduct an internal review of all operations, procedures, and processes connected to how the City deals with vacant houses. The review is a top priority for the administration. Agencies were directed to provide a full accounting of every effort they are engaged in to reduce the number of vacant properties and provide ideas for best intensifying these efforts. The City Administrator was charged with leading the initiative.

The review period ended. On March 11, 2022 results of the review were announce along with an allocation of \$100 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding for projects across the City as well as \$39 million of that for eliminating blight.

Bill 22-0101R invites agency representatives to appear before the Council to present findings and recommendations of the Mayor's 30-Day review for eliminating privately and publicly owned vacant and abandoned properties.

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: Not Available

Information Source(s): Reporting Agencies, Bill 21-0083R; Baltimore City Code, Housing and Urban Development; Article 13, Section 8A; Public Local Law; State of Maryland Law; Baltimore City Office of the Sheriff

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