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
Committee Report: Favorable
Adopted: Yes

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Informational Hearing – Medical Waste Incinerators

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

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

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

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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