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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 10-0308R</b>		

**TO** The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
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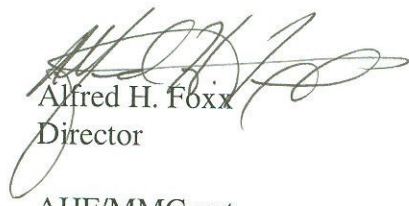
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I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 11-0308R introduced by Council Members Conaway, Henry, Stokes, Cole, Kraft, Middleton, Welch, Clarke, Holton, Branch, and President Young.

The purpose of the Resolution is to call on representatives from the Department of Public Works, Health, Housing, Recreation and Parks, and General Services to appear before the Council to explain the City's current policies for maintaining City owned vacant lots and other properties; discuss how these properties could be better maintained; and establish a clear and simple method by which neighbors of City-owned properties can quickly and effectively get their concerns addressed.

The Division of Property Management within the Department of Public Works' Bureau of Solid Waste performs cleaning and boarding services for vacant and abandoned buildings and cleaning of vacant yards and vacant lots owned by the Mayor and City Council. Prior to 2009, the Property Management Division cleaned City-owned lots and a separate work order was issued for the Department of Transportation to cut high grass and weeds. In the interim, many lots would become littered again before the grass cutting could proceed. As a result of these problems, Property Management Division crews assumed the cutting services for lots assigned to them for cleaning. From July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, the Bureau of Solid Waste responded to 24,946 Service Requests for high grass and weeds and cleaning, and 7,145 Service Requests for boarding.

Representatives of the Department of Public Works will attend the hearing on City Council Resolution 11-0308 to listen to the concerns of the Council and the community, and to respond to questions from the Committee.

  
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