

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 06-0134R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: President Dixon, Councilmembers Holton, Reisinger, Welch

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Assigned to: Public Safety Subcommittee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Police Department

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **False Alarms No More – Lets Raise the Priority**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting that the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Police Department
4 re-evaluate the response priority levels for private alarms in Baltimore City.

5 **Recitals**

6 According to Police Department reports, the False Alarm Reduction Program has achieved
7 its goal of dramatically reducing the number of false alarms in Baltimore City. Citizens are now
8 required to pay fines when the alarms are found to be false, in addition to paying alarm
9 registration fees.

10 Now that the number of false alarms has been reduced, the Police Department should
11 consider reevaluating the response priority of the alarms that are going off. Due to the recent
12 decline in false alarms, the majority of residential alarms are less likely to be false. A faster
13 police response time will lead to the increase of the Department’s ability to stop crimes as they
14 happen or to catch those who commit the crimes, in a more efficient manner after the crime is
15 committed.

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That this
17 Body requests that the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Police Department re-evaluate the
18 response priority levels for private alarms in Baltimore City.

19 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
20 Commissioner of the Baltimore City Police Department, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to
21 the Council.

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