

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0083R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Burnett, Bullock, Porter, Middleton, Cohen, Torrence, Ramos,
Dorsey, Glover

Introduced and read first time: December 6, 2021

Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

Committee Report: Favorable

Adopted: Yes

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

**Investigative Hearing – Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office
- Eviction Procedures**

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4 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office, the
5 Department of Housing and Community Development, concerned citizens, and other
6 interested parties to appear before the City Council to inform the Council about the current
7 procedure followed by the Sheriff’s Office during the eviction process, any recurring
8 problems that need to be addressed, any improvements that can be made to facilitate
9 communication of the Sheriff’s Office’s ability to appear at a residence on a designated day
10 and time, and any efforts to improve general eviction procedures.

Recitals

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12 **WHEREAS**, eviction proceedings are on the rise due to financial difficulties created by the
13 COVID-19 pandemic;

14 **WHEREAS**, the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office is often tasked with the difficult process of
15 mediating between landlords and tenants during eviction proceedings; and

16 **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of all involved in eviction proceedings for the process to
17 be streamlined, legal, and efficient.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
19 Council invites representatives from the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office, the Department of
20 Housing and Community Development, concerned citizens, and other interested parties to inform
21 the Council about the current procedure followed by the Sheriff’s Office during the eviction
22 process, any recurring problems that need to be addressed, any improvements that can be made to
23 facilitate communication of the Sheriff’s Office’s ability to appear at a residence on a designated
24 day and time, and any efforts to improve eviction procedures.

25 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Baltimore City
26 Sheriff, the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the
27 Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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