



## MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Alice Kennedy, Acting Housing Commissioner

Date: April 16, 2021

Re: **City Council Resolution 21-0032R Informational Hearing - Small Haulers Program and Bulk Trash Program**

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The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Resolution 21-0032R, for the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Finance, Department of Public Works, and the Department of Health to discuss the feasibility of enacting a small hauler incentive program to better offset illegal dumping and litter in our communities.

DHCD is pleased to address the Council at an informational hearing to discuss questions and possible solutions regarding the issues of illegal dumping and modifications to the Small Hauler Program in the City of Baltimore. The Small Haulers Program, as it currently exists, is an initiative of the Department of Public Works to make it easier for small commercial haulers to properly dispose of trash to improve their efficiency, reduce instances of illegal dumping, and help keep our City clean. Small haulers must register for a permit at Environmental Inspection Services in order to contract with others for the collection, transportation, or disposal of solid waste.

The Resolution calls for a discussion of the feasibility of modifying the Small Haulers Program to incentivize small haulers by providing eligible participants with a \$75.00 payment per 2,000 pounds of waste that is disposed of at the City's Quarantine Road facility. The current disposal fees for small haulers at the Northwest Transfer Station (NTS) and the Quarantine Road Landfill (QRL) is \$20 per load up to 7,000 pounds. For loads over 7,000 pounds, there is an additional fee of \$3.38 per 100 pounds over 7,000.

DHCD would defer to the Department of Public Works in coordination with Finance and the Health Department to determine the need, feasibility and financial impact of modifying the Small Haulers Program to include the suggested incentive.

It is worth cautioning that such an incentive program could lead to abuse and may be difficult to enforce, as the hauler would be responsible for maintaining the proper documentation indicating the dates and tonnage of waste disposed. Identifying abuse may be an issue.



DHCD supports the intent of this Resolution to better offset illegal dumping and litter in our communities and support local employment and job opportunities through the development of a Small Hauler Incentive Program, however there may be capacity considerations related to the Landfill's ability to take on additional waste that may be generated by this initiative. As there is no way to determine where the waste would be coming from it would be difficult to anticipate if this program would actually rid Baltimore City Communities of unsightly trash and if the program would burden our landfills with additional refuse from outside the City.

DHCD **defers to the Department of Public Works** on the passage of City Council Resolution 21-0032R.

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