

**SYNOPSIS**

**Committee: Health, Environment, and Technology**

**City Council Resolution: 23-0179R**

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**Informational Hearing - Gas Regulator Installation Location**

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**Sponsor:** Councilmember Stokes, et al

**Introduced:** June 26, 2023

**Purpose:**

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Public Works, the Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation, the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, and relevant stakeholder groups to brief the City Council on the ongoing installation of gas regulators at residential sites, including a discussion of best practices for the internal or external installation of a gas regulator at a residential property, a discussion of safety considerations with regard to the location of a gas regulator, and a response to recent community concerns related to the relocation of gas regulators at residential properties in Baltimore City.

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**AGENCY REPORTS**

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| Department of Public Works                             |  |
| Commission for Historical & Architectural Preservation |  |
| City Solicitor   |  |

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**ANALYSIS**

The resolution invites agency representatives, the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE), and other stakeholders to brief the City Council on the ongoing installation of gas regulators at residential properties in Baltimore City. Specifically, the resolution calls for discussion of best practices for the internal or external installation of a gas regulator at a residential property, a discussion of safety considerations regarding the location of a gas regulator, and a response to recent community concerns related to the relocation of gas regulators.

BGE has been installing external gas pressure regulators at properties in Baltimore City as part of modernizing its natural gas distribution network. Residents have objected to the external gas regulators, arguing that they are not necessary and will harm the aesthetics and materials of historic buildings. BGE turned off gas service for some residents who refused to consent to the placement of external gas regulators at their properties. On June 28, 2023, a Baltimore City judge ordered BGE to temporarily halt the installation of external gas pressure regulators and to restore gas services to residents. The order will remain in place until July 10, 2023, and may be extended pending an additional hearing scheduled for that date.

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### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

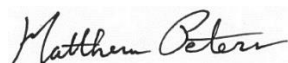
**Fiscal Note:** None

**Information Source(s):**

- Resolution 23-0179R
- Baltimore Sun, Baltimore judge orders temporary halt on BGE gas regulator installation; gas services to be restored:  
<https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/baltimore-city/bs-md-ci-baltimore-city-courts-bge-tro-20230628-ihyaxlkhj5auveqgwcwfmhzb4-story.html>

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