

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 05-0109R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Harris, D’Adamo, President Dixon, Councilmembers Holton,
Young, Curran, Conaway, Welch, Reisinger, Harris, Kraft, Rawlings Blake, Mitchell, Clarke
Introduced and read first time: November 21, 2005
Assigned to: Education, Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Public Works

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Eviction Chattel Pickup**

3 FOR the purpose of respectfully requesting that the Director of the Department of Public Works
4 brief the Council on the current issues regarding the pick-up of eviction chattels that are
5 currently being left on Baltimore City streets for excessive amounts of time, the current
6 backlog of chattel pick-ups, and what we as a City can do in order to facilitate a faster pick-
7 up of eviction chattels.

8 **Recitals**

9 Although the Department of Public Works is required by law to arrange the removal and
10 storage of eviction chattels, there is no law that delegates a certain amount of time in which they
11 must do this. The goal of the Department of Public Works is to be able to pick-up and store
12 eviction chattels within 48 hours of eviction. Due to the high number of evictions and the lack
13 of available staff to do pick-up and storage, the Department of Public Works is currently
14 working off a backlog throughout the city.

15 In order to help the Department of Public Works deal with this issue, an informational
16 hearing is necessary in order to determine what the City could do to aid the Department of Public
17 Works so that it may be able to achieve its goal of reducing the number of eviction chattels left
18 on the streets for extended periods of time. Hopefully, with the input of the Department of
19 Public Works, we as a City can move forward and create a system in which eviction chattels can
20 be picked up in a more orderly fashion, and help the Department of Public Works get back on
21 track with regards to eviction chattel pick-ups.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That this
23 Body respectfully requests that the Director of the Department of Public Works brief the Council
24 on the current issues regarding the pick-up of eviction chattels that are currently being left on
25 Baltimore City streets for excessive amounts of time, the current backlog of chattel pick-ups, and
26 what we as a City can do in order to facilitate a faster pick-up of eviction chattels.

27 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
28 Director of Public Works, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the Council.

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