

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0165R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Burnett, President Scott, Councilmembers Henry, Cohen,
Schleifer, Sneed, Costello, Pinkett, Dorsey, Clarke, Reisinger, McCray, Bullock, Stokes
Introduced and read first time: September 23, 2019
Assigned to: Health Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Public Works,
Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and Community Development, Health
Department, Mayor's Office of Innovation, 311 Call Center

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **B-more Clean: Coordinated Agency Community Clean-up and Maintenance Strategy**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting that the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director
4 of the Department of Transportation, the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and
5 Community Development, the Commissioner of the Health Department, and the Director of
6 the Mayor's Office of Performance and Innovation present to the City Council a plan for
7 coordinated community clean-up and maintenance throughout Baltimore and a plan for
8 increased community involvement.

9 **Recitals**

10 Baltimore residents' sense of "place" and "health" are based, in part, on their perceptions of a
11 safe, healthy, and happy place to live. A fundamental determinant of social health is the physical
12 environment. One of the cornerstones of "community" is cultural identity, perception, social
13 involvement and interactions between a city's government and that city's residents. The
14 improvement in health outcomes begin when one's physical environment is free from trash,
15 toxins, vermin, and overgrowth. Residents' willingness to participate in improving their own
16 physical environment is based on their belief that the city, themselves, and their neighbors are
17 "all in this together."

18 As Baltimore seeks to professionalize City government and make it more efficient, it is
19 imperative that our City agencies coordinate with each other when it comes to the critical issue of
20 clean-up and maintenance of our communities. Too often, issues noted during routine
21 inspections by one agency are referred to another agency for proper remediation where they
22 languish. This could be resolved by the development of a coordinated citywide code
23 enforcement and inspection strategy aimed at resolving clean-up and maintenance issues as they
24 are seen. Further, agencies could benefit from increased involvement and participation from the
25 communities that they are inspecting. We have seen the success of ad hoc "code enforcement
26 walks"; now it is time to deploy this strategy citywide for the ultimate goal of a cleaner, greener,
27 and healthier Baltimore.

28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the City
29 Council requests that the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director of the

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

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5 involvement.

6 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
7 Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director of the Department of Transportation,
8 the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the
9 Commissioner of the Health Department, and the Director of the Mayor's Office of Performance
10 and Innovation, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.