

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0002R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Ramos, Burnett, Middleton, Cohen, Stokes, Porter

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Health, Environment, and Technology Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Office of Emergency Management, Department of Public Works, Department of Planning, Mayor’s Office of Social Services

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Investigative Hearing – Inland Flood Mitigation**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting the Acting Director of the Office of Emergency Management, the
4 Acting Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director of the Department of
5 Planning, the Director of the Office of Sustainability, and other representatives of these
6 agencies to provide an update on efforts to mitigate and prevent inland flooding, which is not
7 covered by the recently passed Nuisance Flood Plan.

8 **Recitals**

9 **WHEREAS**, In July of 2020, there was extensive flooding across the City, incidents of which
10 have been increasing over the past few years;

11 **WHEREAS**, Residents experienced property damage and physical harm during these massive
12 flooding events;

13 **WHEREAS**, The Nuisance Flood Plan, crafted by the Department of Planning’s Office of
14 Sustainability and passed by the Planning Commission in October 2020, defines nuisance
15 flooding as “high tide flooding that causes public inconvenience” and focuses on coastal areas;

16 **WHEREAS**, The Nuisance Flood Plan acknowledges that more work needs to be done to
17 prevent inland and urban flooding;

18 **WHEREAS**, There is currently no plan to address flooding in neighborhoods away from
19 coastal areas; and

20 **WHEREAS**, There are numerous resources available to address these issues from the State and
21 federal levels, and the public has heightened awareness of the problem of inland and urban
22 flooding.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
24 Council invites the Acting Director of the Office of Emergency Management, the Acting Director

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

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1 of the Department of Public Works, the Director of the Department of Planning, the Director of
2 the Office of Sustainability, and other representatives of these agencies to provide an update on
3 efforts to mitigate and prevent inland flooding, which is not covered by the recently passed
4 Nuisance Flood Plan.

5 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Acting Director
6 of the Office of Emergency Management, the Acting Director of the Department of Public
7 Works, the Director of the Department of Planning, the Director of the Office of Sustainability,
8 and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.