



**SYNOPSIS**

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

**City Council Resolution: 21-0027R**

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**Informational Hearing - Illegal Dumping**

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**Sponsor:** Councilmember Torrence, et al

**Introduced:** March 8, 2021

**Purpose:**

For the purpose of inviting the Acting Director of the Department of Public Works and the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, as well as representatives from the Law Department, the Health Department, and the Baltimore Police Department to explain how their agencies assist in solving the problem of illegal dumping in the City.

**Effective:** Upon enactment

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**AGENCY REPORTS**

Department of Public Works	
Department of Housing and Community Development	
Police Department	
Department of Health	
Mayor's Office of Performance and Innovation	
City Solicitor	Favorable

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## **ANALYSIS**

The resolution invites the Department of Public Works, Department of Housing and Community Development, Law Department, Health Department, and Police Department to explain how their agencies assist in solving the problem of illegal dumping in the City. Specifically, the resolution calls for the agencies to address:

- What limitations and challenges hamper the Department of Public Works' (DPW) and the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) responses to illegal dumping;
- What additional functions and particular staff DPW and DHCD need to increase their efficiency in responding to illegal dumping;
- The role technology currently plays in responding to illegal dumping and what opportunities there are to pursue newer, more capable technology;
- How DPW and DHCD use data analysis to find areas that are the frequent targets of illegal dumping;
- The importance of a renewed educational campaign and communication strategy regarding littering and illegal dumping, and the role of each agency in promoting this campaign;
- What avenues are worth exploring to increase cooperation between DPW and DHCD and any other agencies that are involved in solving the problem of illegal dumping, such as the Law Department and the Health Department;
- An overview of the City and State laws that address illegal dumping; and
- The impact of illegal dumping on public safety and criminal activity.

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Fiscal Note:** None

**Information Source(s):** Reporting Agencies, Resolution 21-0027R

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