

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0078R
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Burnett, Dorsey, Cohen, Bullock, Porter, Torrence

Introduced and read first time: November 15, 2021

Assigned to: Public Safety and Government Operations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Baltimore City Police Department

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Investigative Hearing - Baltimore Police Department**
3 **Disciplinary and Complaint Process**

4 FOR the purpose of requesting that the Baltimore City Police Commissioner appear before the
5 City Council to brief it regarding the Baltimore City Police Department’s current process to
6 file and investigate a complaint of misconduct against a Baltimore City Police Officer, the
7 current disciplinary process followed if an officer is found to be guilty of misconduct, and
8 any current efforts to improve or overhaul the disciplinary and complaint process in the
9 Baltimore City Police Department.

10 **Recitals**

11 **WHEREAS**, The Consent Decree between the Baltimore City Police Department and the
12 Department of Justice affirms that “[a] robust and well-functioning accountability system in
13 which officers are held to the highest standards of integrity is critical to BPD’s legitimacy, and a
14 priority of the Department”;

15 **WHEREAS**, The Baltimore City Council would like to better understand the current process
16 for making a complaint of misconduct against a police officer and the current disciplinary
17 process followed if an officer is found guilty of misconduct;

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19 **WHEREAS**, The Baltimore City Council would like to explore strategies to streamline,
20 improve, or overhaul the disciplinary and complaint process in the Baltimore City Police
21 Department.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
23 Baltimore City Council invites the Baltimore City Police Commissioner to brief the City Council
24 regarding the Baltimore Police Department’s disciplinary and complaint process and any current
25 effort to improve or overhaul the process.

26 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the City Solicitor,
27 the Baltimore City Police Commissioner, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City
28 Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.