

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0137R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes, President Young, Councilmembers Henry, Dorsey, Scott,
Bullock, Cohen, Sneed, Pinkett, Schleifer, Clarke, Reisinger, Middleton, Costello

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2019

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Public Works, Department of Finance,
Office of Sustainability, Health Department

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Baltimore City Recycling Program**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting the Director of the Department of Public Works and the Head of the
4 Bureau of Solid Waste to discuss Baltimore City’s recycling program and its progress.

5 **Recitals**

6 Recycling helps protect Baltimore City and the surrounding region by reducing the amount of
7 trash that needs to be kept in a landfill or incinerated and by decreasing emissions of greenhouse
8 gases. Objects such as paper, clean glass containers, bottles, and cardboard can all be recycled in
9 curbside recycling. In Baltimore City, curbside recycling does not have to be placed in recycling
10 bins - instead, residents can put their recycling in any container they want (except for a plastic
11 bag) and label it “recycling” to get their curbside recycling picked up.

12 Some objects cannot be handled by curbside recycling, such as hazardous waste and rigid
13 plastics, and electronics. Some forms of household hazardous waste can be recycled at the
14 Northwest Citizens Convenience Center. Many electronics and rigid plastics can be dropped off
15 at Citizen’s Drop-Off Centers 1-5.

16 The Baltimore City Council is interested in the progress being made regarding recycling in
17 Baltimore City. The City Council recognizes that a Master Plan regarding recycling and solid
18 waste management is currently being conducted, and would like to know how the public is being
19 solicited for feedback on this plan. The Council is interested in learning how many citizens
20 engage in recycling, how much waste that is recyclable is being recycled, and how this compares
21 to other municipalities. Finally, the Council would like to know what the Department of Public
22 Works is doing to increase awareness of and encourage recycling.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
24 Baltimore City Council invites the Director of the Department of Public Works and the Head of
25 the Bureau of Solid Waste to discuss Baltimore City’s recycling program and its progress.

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

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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