

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 19-0148R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Henry, Burnett, Scott, Bullock, Cohen, Pinkett, Sneed,  
Schleifer, Dorsey, Clarke, Reisinger, Ex Officio President Middleton, Councilmembers  
Stokes, Costello

Introduced and read first time: April 15, 2019

Assigned to: Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Housing Authority of Baltimore City,  
Department of Housing and Community Development, Health Department, Department of  
Finance, Department of General Services

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing - Mold in Housing**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community  
4 Development, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City, the Health  
5 Commissioner, and the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health or his designee to  
6 appear before the City Council to discuss the potential dangers of mold in housing.

7 **Recitals**

8 Mold is a health danger to many vulnerable populations. It grows where there is moisture;  
9 walls, ceilings, carpets, tile, or furniture can all be good environments for mold. Mold allergies  
10 manifest themselves through watery eyes, nasal stuffiness, throat irritation, coughing, headaches,  
11 and difficulty breathing. People that are immune compromised or have chronic lung illness can  
12 get serious lung infections from mold exposure. The Institute of Medicine has found sufficient  
13 evidence to link indoor exposure to mold to upper respiratory tract symptoms, coughs, and  
14 wheezing in otherwise healthy people, and to asthma symptoms in people with asthma. Many  
15 children in Baltimore suffer from asthma, and their health is particularly at risk if they are  
16 exposed to mold in their homes. The Baltimore City Council is interested in learning about mold  
17 in housing and how we can protect our citizens from its dangers.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City  
19 Council invites the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development,  
20 the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City, the Health Commissioner,  
21 and the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health or his designee to appear before the City  
22 Council to discuss the potential dangers of mold in housing.

23 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Commissioner  
24 of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Executive Director of the  
25 Housing Authority of Baltimore City, the Health Commissioner, the Secretary of the Maryland  
26 Department of Health, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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