

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 22-0102R  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Conway, Ramos, Bullock, Porter, Schleifer, Burnett, Cohen,  
Torrence, Costello, Middleton, Stokes

Introduced and read first time: April 25, 2022

Assigned to: Health, Information, and Technology Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Public Works, Baltimore  
City Department of Health, Environmental Control Board

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Investigational Hearing — Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting the City Solicitor and representatives from the Department of Public  
4 Works, the Baltimore City Health Department, the Environmental Control Board, the  
5 Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Health, including the  
6 Environmental Health Bureau, the Maryland Environmental Service, and other relevant  
7 stakeholders to brief the City Council regarding recent events at the Back River Wastewater  
8 Treatment Plant as well as ongoing mitigation efforts.

9 **WHEREAS**, the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant (“the Back River Plant”), located at  
10 8201 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21224, is responsible for the treatment of  
11 180 million gallons of wastewater a day.

12 **WHEREAS**, adequate treatment of wastewater at the Back River Plant is integral to the  
13 environmental health of the surrounding area, including both the Back River and Chesapeake  
14 Bay watershed.

15 **WHEREAS**, ongoing events at the Back River Plant have resulted in illegal discharges of  
16 partially treated wastewater into the Back River and prompted the Maryland Environmental  
17 Service to take charge of operations at the Back River Plant.

18 **WHEREAS**, the Baltimore City Council recognizes the potential environmental health risks  
19 associated with inadequate treatment of wastewater and its subsequent discharge into vital  
20 waterways and would like to better understand the recent events at the Back River Plant as well  
21 as ongoing mitigation efforts.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the City  
23 Council invites the City Solicitor and representatives from the Department of Public Works, the  
24 Baltimore City Health Department, the Environmental Control Board, the Maryland Department  
25 of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Health, including the Environmental Health  
26 Bureau, the Maryland Environmental Service, and other relevant stakeholders to brief the City  
27 Council regarding recent events at the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant as well as  
28 ongoing mitigation efforts.

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

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**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the City Solicitor, the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Health Department, the Executive Director of the Environmental Control Board, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health, the Executive Director of the Maryland Environmental Service, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.