

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 05-0109R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Harris, D'Adamo, President Dixon, Councilmembers Holton,  
Young, Curran, Conaway, Welch, Reisinger, Harris, Kraft, Rawlings Blake, Mitchell, Clarke  
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Assigned to: Education, Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee  
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**A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING**

**Informational Hearing – Eviction Chattel Pickup**

FOR the purpose of respectfully requesting that the Director of the Department of Public Works brief the Council on the current issues regarding the pick-up of eviction chattels that are currently being left on Baltimore City streets for excessive amounts of time, the current backlog of chattel pick-ups, and what we as a City can do in order to facilitate a faster pick-up of eviction chattels.

**Recitals**

Although the Department of Public Works is required by law to arrange the removal and storage of eviction chattels, there is no law that delegates a certain amount of time in which they must do this. The goal of the Department of Public Works is to be able to pick-up and store eviction chattels within 48 hours of eviction. Due to the high number of evictions and the lack of available staff to do pick-up and storage, the Department of Public Works is currently working off a backlog throughout the city.

In order to help the Department of Public Works deal with this issue, an informational hearing is necessary in order to determine what the City could do to aid the Department of Public Works so that it may be able to achieve its goal of reducing the number of eviction chattels left on the streets for extended periods of time. Hopefully, with the input of the Department of Public Works, we as a City can move forward and create a system in which eviction chattels can be picked up in a more orderly fashion, and help the Department of Public Works get back on track with regards to eviction chattel pick-ups.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That this Body respectfully requests that the Director of the Department of Public Works brief the Council on the current issues regarding the pick-up of eviction chattels that are currently being left on Baltimore City streets for excessive amounts of time, the current backlog of chattel pick-ups, and what we as a City can do in order to facilitate a faster pick-up of eviction chattels.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Director of Public Works, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the Council.

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