

Introduced by: Councilmember Schleifer, *Young, Henry, Jett, Burns, Bullock, Cohen,*

Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference

Date: April 24, 2018

*Middleton, Clarke*

Referred to: **RESOLUTION** Committee

*Neisinger  
Punkett  
Dorsey  
Stokes*

Also referred for recommendation and report to municipal agencies listed on reverse.

CITY COUNCIL 18-0085R

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

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*Robert Stokes*

No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Agencies**

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| _____ | Baltimore City Public School System             |
| _____ | Baltimore Development Corporation               |
| _____ | City Solicitor                                  |
| _____ | Comptroller's Office                            |
| _____ | Department of Audits                            |
| _____ | Department of Finance                           |
| _____ | Department of General Services                  |
| _____ | Department of Housing and Community Development |
| _____ | Department of Human Resources                   |
| _____ | Department of Planning                          |
| _____ | Other: _____                                    |
| _____ | Other: _____                                    |
| _____ | Other: _____                                    |
| _____ | Department of Public Works                      |
| _____ | Department of Real Estate                       |
| _____ | Department of Recreation and Parks              |
| _____ | Department of Transportation                    |
| _____ | Fire Department                                 |
| _____ | Health Department                               |
| _____ | Mayor's Office of Employment Development        |
| _____ | Mayor's Office of Human Services                |
| _____ | Mayor's Office of Information Technology        |
| _____ | Office of the Mayor                             |
| _____ | Police Department                               |
| _____ | Other: _____                                    |
| _____ | Other: _____                                    |

**Boards and Commissions**

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| _____ | Board of Estimates                                  |
| _____ | Board of Ethics                                     |
| _____ | Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals               |
| _____ | Comm. for Historical and Architectural Preservation |
| _____ | Commission on Sustainability                        |
| _____ | Employees' Retirement System                        |
| _____ | Other: _____  |
| _____ | Other: _____  |
| _____ | Other: _____  |
| _____ | Environmental Control Board                         |
| _____ | Fire & Police Employees' Retirement System          |
| _____ | Labor Commissioner                                  |
| _____ | Parking Authority Board                             |
| _____ | Planning Commission                                 |
| _____ | Wage Commission                                     |
| _____ | Other: _____  |
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**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 18-0085R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Schleifer, President Young, Councilmembers Henry, Scott, Burnett, Bullock, Cohen, Middleton, Clarke, Reisinger, Dorsey, Pinkett, Stokes  
Introduced and adopted: May 14, 2018

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**Recitals**

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Tree stumps are an eyesore and a hazard that costs taxpayers hundreds of thousands by those who get injured by them. In the past two years, Baltimore City has settled two notable cases for \$150,000 and \$160,000. Many other stump injury cases settle in the \$5,000 to \$20,000 range.

Tree Baltimore has already inventoried 3,000 tree stump locations in the City right of way. This represents not only thousands of parcels of land that aren't living up to their potential, but potentially millions of dollars in liability.

There is a cost to remove all of those tree stumps, but the costs of inaction are far greater. The City must develop a plan to remove all tree stumps after trees are cut down or fall down and replant trees in their place where necessary. As part of developing this plan, the City should review historic tree removal rates and the costs associated with stump removal and tree replanting to calculate how much funding will need to be budgeted annually to ensure the plan's success. The plan should also include a process in which when a tree falls or is cut down it automatically triggers a stump removal within no more than 60 days.

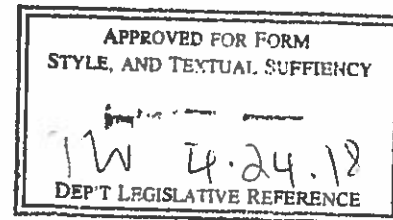
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**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Director of Recreation and Parks, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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



**INTRODUCTORY\***  
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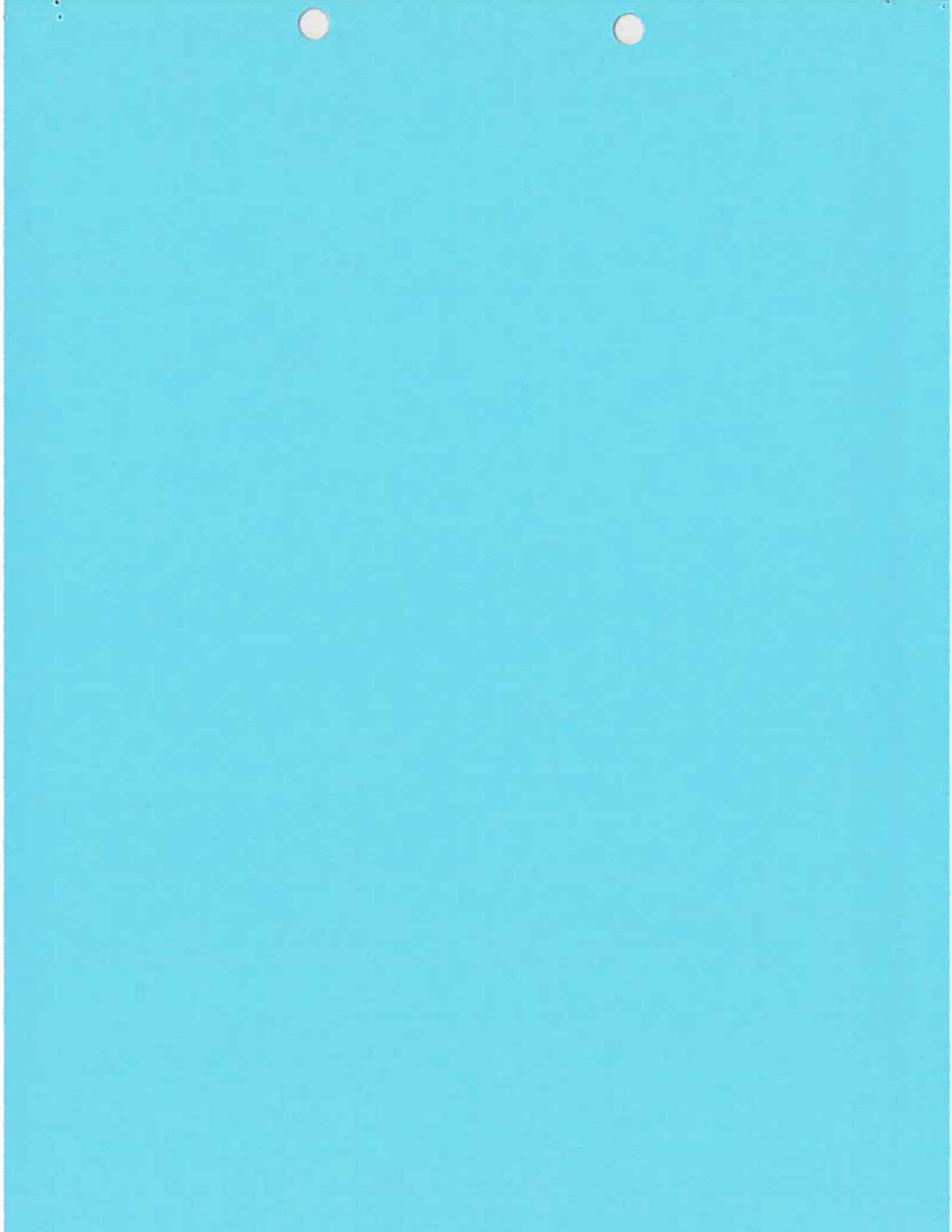
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**ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

**MAY 14 2018**

FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ FAVORABLE \_\_\_\_\_ UNFAVORABLE \_\_\_\_\_ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

\_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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THIRD READING (ENROLLED) \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

WITHDRAWAL \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.

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President

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Chief Clerk