CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL 24-0215R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Costello and McCray

Introduced and read first time: April 9, 2024

Assigned to: Public Safety and Government Operations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Board of Municipal and Zoing Appeals, Police Department Board of Liquor License Commissioners, Sheriff's Office

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

Informational Hearing – Late-Night Commercial Operations

FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore Police Department, the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City, and the Department of Finance to review the current licensing requirements for clarity, completeness, and intent.

Recitals

WHEREAS, the Baltimore City Council will investigate the need for the posting requirements under Article 15, Subtitle 9, "Late-Night Commercial Operations" to include the requirement to inform the local Baltimore Police Department District Commander.

WHEREAS, the Baltimore City Council will investigate the sufficiency of the current definition of "impact area" as it pertains to § 9-8, "Posting and notice; Objections".

WHEREAS, the Baltimore City Council will investigate the need to expand posting requirements to include civic and community associations headquartered in the "impact area".

WHEREAS, communities seek late-night commercial operations licensees that operate businesses in a manner that is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare.

WHEREAS, the Baltimore City Council will seek a review of the role the Baltimore Police Department currently plays in determination of approval or denial of a license application.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, that the City Council invites representatives from the Baltimore Police Department, the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City, and the Department of Finance to review the current licensing requirements for clarity, completeness, and intent.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Baltimore City Police Commissioner, the Executive Secretary of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City, the Director of the Department of Finance, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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