



SYNOPSIS

Committee: Health, Environment, and Technology

City Council Resolution: 21-0032R

Informational Hearing - Studying the Feasibility of a Small Hauler Incentive Program

Sponsor: Councilmember Porter, et al

Introduced: March 8, 2021

Purpose:

For the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Finance, Department of Public Works, and the Department of Health to discuss the feasibility of enacting a small hauler incentive program to better offset illegal dumping and litter in our communities.

Effective: Upon enactment

AGENCY REPORTS

Department of Public Works	
Department of Housing and Community Development	Defers to DPW
Department of Health	
Department of Finance	Comments
Mayor's Office of Performance and Innovation	Defers to DPW
City Solicitor	Favorable

ANALYSIS

The resolution invites representatives from the Department of Finance, Department of Public Works, and the Department of Health to discuss the feasibility of enacting a small hauler incentive program to better address illegal dumping and litter in Baltimore communities. The resolution describes a program that would pay licensed small haulers who live in the City, or who locate their businesses in the City, \$75 per ton of waste that they dispose of at the City's Quarantine Road facility. Each hauler would be responsible for maintaining the proper

documentation indicating the dates and tonnage of waste disposed at the Quarantine Road facility.

The resolution further outlines several specific issues for discussion at the hearing, including:

- Whether the City could afford this program and, if not, are there alternative funding streams, such as grants, available;
- Whether the relevant agencies could implement this program with their existing staffing and administrative resources

Baltimore City requires anyone who collects, transports, or disposes of solid waste for others, and some who collect, transport, or dispose of solid waste generated by themselves, to obtain a hauler license from the Commissioner of Health if they operate in the City. Any hauler who uses only one truck for which the manufacturer's rated capacity is $\frac{3}{4}$ ton or less and the gross weight of which is 7,000 pounds or less qualifies as a "small hauler" and is eligible for reduced licensing and dumping fees in the City.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fiscal Note: None

Information Source(s): Baltimore City Code; Reporting Agencies; Resolution 21-0032R



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