
CITY OF BALTIMORE

BRANDON SCOTT – MAYOR

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OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES

NANCY MEAD – DIRECTOR

100 N. HOLIDAY STREET

BALTIMORE MD, 21202

HEARING NOTES

Bill: 25-0050

Title: Water Bill – Tennant Right to Review

Committee: Housing & Economic Development

Chaired by: James Torrence

Hearing Date: 9/9/2025

Time (Beginning): 5:25 PM

Time (Ending): 5:55: PM

Location: Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex

Total Attendance: Approximately 28

Committee Members in Attendance:

Bill Synopsis in the file? ☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A
Attendance sheet in the file? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ N/A
Agency reports read? ☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? ☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ N/A
Final vote taken at this hearing? ☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A
Motioned by: RAMOS
Final Vote: FAVORABLE W/
AMENDMENT

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

Councilmember Paris Gray 8th District – Sponsor

Hilary Ruley – Department of Law

Major Issues Discussed

- Chair opens for Bill 25-0050
- Comments from Councilmember Gray
- Agency reports
 - BCIT

- Finance
- Law – concerns about keeping identifying information for longer than needed as a result of electronic submission
- DPW – concerns about implementing the electronic request
- The floor was opened to questions from the committee members – topics included:
- Questions about the assertion of tenancy – the need for that and how we use it?
 - DPW/City feels the need for those asking for the bill to confirm that they live or have lived at the address.
 - This would help the City in the event of identity fraud
- The need for listing documentation that could serve to identify someone as living at the residence
 - The retention of the information
 - It (identifying information) is not and should not be retained – additional information is just to give options for verifying identity.
- The floor was open to Public Testimony by the chair
 - No members of the public testified
- The floor was then open to motions on the bill
 - Councilmember Jones motioned the amendment from the sponsor as favorable – the amendment was recommended favorable unanimously.
 - Councilmember Ramos motioned the bill favorable as amended – the bill was recommended favorable as amended by the committee
- The hearing was adjourned.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe.

Committee Vote:

Chair: Yea
 Vice Chair: Yea
 Member: Yea
 Member: Yea
 Member: Yea

Tony Leva, Date: 9/10/2025
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