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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

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The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 23-0153R, Investigative Hearing-Vacant Building Water Shut Offs, the purpose of which is to discuss the process of shutting off water when vacant building notices are issued.

The Baltimore City Building Code establishes the standards and regulations for design, construction, modification, and operation of buildings within Baltimore City. Section 116 Unsafe Structures establishes the standards and regulations for unsafe structures, vacant structures, vacant lot maintenance, and “abandoned” properties. Per Section 116.4.6, when a building is determined to be vacant, the Department of Public Works is to be notified and water service is to be cut off to that building.

This resolution requests that the Departments of Housing and Community Development, Public Works, and Real Estate, as well as the Fire Department and City Administrator’s Office, to report on the current implementation of this requirement.

The Department of Finance will attend the hearing for this Resolution and respond to any fiscal inquiries.

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