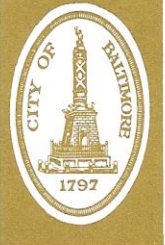


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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET, 8 th FLOOR		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL # 20-0615 – The Ban the Burn at Every Turn Act		

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TO

Members of the City Council
 City Hall, Room 400
 100 North Holliday Street

The Commission on Sustainability has reviewed City Council Bill #20-0615 for the purpose of prohibiting Baltimore City from entering into contracts that would authorize the use of incinerators or waste-to-fuel facilities; and providing for an effective date.

The intent of this bill addresses strategies in the 2019 Sustainability Plan, including:

Clean Air Strategy #1: Reduce emissions from industrial operations to reduce harm to people living nearby.

- Action 1: Encourage state-of-the-art pollution controls on all “point source pollution” emitters and improve review of the effect of new permit applications for air pollution sources, particularly those in and near zip codes with high asthma hospitalization rates.

Waste Strategy #1: Increase the amount of trash that is diverted from the landfill and incinerator to recycling programs.

- Action 3: Create and implement a plan to achieve zero waste, meaning we “are working toward or diverting over 90 percent of our discards from landfilling or incineration.” Ensure extensive outreach and a plan that addresses the needs of the entire population.

On September 30, 2020, the Commission on Sustainability finalized a vote regarding this legislation: Support/In-Favor: 7 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 3 Didn't Vote: 2

The Commission on Sustainability supports City Council Bill #20-0615. We will also reach out to request briefings for individual Councilmembers on some of the issues raised during our deliberations.

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