

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 12-0052R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Scott, Stokes, Henry, Mosby, Reisinger, Clarke, Middleton,
Welch, Branch

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Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Police Department, Mayor's Office of Information
Technology

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Tracking Open 911 Calls**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting that the Baltimore Police Department implement a system that
4 shows active 911 calls on its website in order to provide a greater level of service and
5 transparency to the citizens of Baltimore.

6 **Recitals**

7 In an effort to be more transparent and provide a better service for their citizens, police
8 departments across the country have begun to post active 911 calls to their websites. Citizens in
9 cities like Dallas and Arlington Texas can visit the department's respective websites to see the
10 current 911 activity.

11 In recent years the Baltimore Police Department has increased its use of technology and
12 communication with the citizenry tenfold. However, the Baltimore Police Department must
13 continue to be on the cutting edge of using technology to provide the most efficient and
14 transparent service to the citizens of Baltimore. Implementing an online active 911 calls program
15 on its website, accompanied with a how 911 works section, would continue to show the
16 Baltimore Police Department's commitment to transparency.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
18 Council of Baltimore respectfully requests the Baltimore Police Department to implement an
19 active 911 calls portion of its website in order to provide a greater level of service and
20 transparency to the citizens of Baltimore.

21 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
22 Police Commissioner, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.