

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 15-0259R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: President Young, Councilmembers Scott, Middleton, Henry, Stokes, Kraft,  
Clarke, Welch, Spector, Costello, Reisinger, Mosby, Curran, Branch

Introduced and read first time: September 21, 2015

Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Public Works

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – BaltiMeter Installation**

3 FOR the purpose of calling on representatives from the Department of Public Works to appear  
4 before the City Council to discuss the progress of the BaltiMeter Project and answer  
5 questions about the inspection of installed meters and plans for addressing any problems that  
6 may arise with the new meters.

7 **Recitals**

8 The Department of Public Works’ BaltiMeter Project – the installation of new electronic  
9 meters for all water customers – is nearing completion for residential accounts within Baltimore  
10 City. More than 140,000 new water meters have already been installed, and all but a few  
11 thousand residential customers in the City should have the meters by the end of October.

12 At this stage as the project winds down, important questions remain about the division of  
13 responsibility between the City and its contractors. For instance, it is not clear who, if anyone, is  
14 responsible for inspecting meter installations after the fact to ensure that they have been done  
15 correctly. It is also not clear who is responsible if something goes wrong with the meters under  
16 various scenarios.

17 On a project with a reported cost of more than \$145 million, it is vital that Baltimore’s  
18 residents receive thorough answers to these questions and others that have arisen as the  
19 BaltiMeter project proceeds.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the  
21 Council calls on representatives from the Department of Public Works to appear before it to  
22 discuss the progress of the BaltiMeter Project and answer questions about the inspection of  
23 installed meters and plans for addressing any problems that may arise with the new meters.

24 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
25 Director of Public Works, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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