

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 25-0014R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Middleton

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Dorsey, Conway, Torrence, Gray, Bullock, Porter, Blanchard, Jones, Glover, Ramos, McCray, and President Cohen

Introduced and read first time: March 10, 2025

Assigned to: Housing and Economic Development Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Housing and Community Development, Environmental Control Board, Department of Public Works

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Vacant and Abandoned Garages**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring representatives from the Department of Housing and Community  
4 Development to appear before the City Council to provide insight into the issue of vacant and  
5 abandoned garages in Baltimore City and to discuss strategies, including in rem liens or  
6 foreclosures, to manage and control the issue and its impact on safety, aesthetics, and  
7 community economies.

8 **Recitals**

9 For multiple decades, the City of Baltimore has struggled with vacant, dilapidated, and  
10 abandoned private garages. These garages, located across the city, are generally behind row  
11 homes but are not always owned by the adjacent home owner.

12 Just as with other types of abandoned property, these abandoned garages are an inefficient  
13 use of potentially useful property, an eyesore that depresses property values, and a safety hazard  
14 because of their state of disrepair and unknown contents. As part of its duties and authority, the  
15 Department of Housing and Community Development is the primary City agency for addressing  
16 this longstanding issue.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City  
18 Council requires representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development  
19 to appear before the City Council to provide insight into the issue of vacant and abandoned  
20 garages in Baltimore City and to discuss strategies, including in rem liens or foreclosures, to  
21 manage and control the issue and its impact on safety, aesthetics, and community economies.

22 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Housing  
23 Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Mayor's  
24 Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.