

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 18-0078R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Costello, Pinkett, President Young, Councilmembers Stokes, Scott, Bullock, Dorsey, Middleton, Reisinger, Henry, Clarke, Schleifer, Cohen, Sneed, Burnett

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Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Finance, Department of Planning, Mayor's Office of Sustainable Solutions, Department of Real Estate, Department of Transportation, Mayor's Office of Information Technology, Police Department, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Coordination of CitiWatch with ATVES and DAS Installations**

3 FOR the purpose of calling on representatives from the Department of Transportation, the  
4 Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore City Information Technology, the Mayor's Office of  
5 Criminal Justice, the Department of Finance, the Office of Real Estate, the Department of  
6 Planning, and the Mayor's Office of Sustainable Solutions to appear before the Council to  
7 testify on how DAS and ATVES installations can ease the burden of cost of installation of  
8 additional CitiWatch cameras.

9 **Recitals**

10 In 2015, Baltimore City signed a 10-year deal with Crown Castle LLC to equip the City with  
11 small cell systems. The goal was to enhance the existing wireless infrastructure in the City so as  
12 to satisfy the City's growing demand for mobile data. Citizens, workers, and tourists alike rely  
13 increasingly on the data in their handheld devices for directions, communications, and  
14 entertainment. They also use this data to report problems to 311 and 911.

15 Crown Castle's method for efficiently implementing this new technology in Baltimore has  
16 relied on the utilization of existing infrastructure. The company has installed low-powered  
17 antennae, called "nodes," on street signs, streetlights, and utility poles. These nodes connect to  
18 fiber optic cable and handle large amounts of data at high speeds. At the same time, they blend  
19 into their surroundings and preserve the aesthetics of the built environment.

20 The Baltimore City Department of Transportation has also implemented an "Automatic  
21 Traffic Violation Enforcement System," (ATVES) to enable the City to enforce traffic laws  
22 consistently. This enhanced enforcement will modify driver behavior, reduce crashes, and  
23 improve safety. These ATVES cameras will also connect to fiber optic cable and utilize existing  
24 City-owned infrastructure as much as possible.

25 The Mayor considers violence reduction another key priority, and has continued the use of  
26 the CitiWatch program, a public-private partnership that enables business owners and residents

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
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1 to aid the Baltimore Police Department by sharing important information. Those who participate  
2 in the program add the footage from their privately-owned cameras to the footage from  
3 City-owned police cameras. This compilation of information helps the BPD solve crimes while  
4 saving police – and taxpayer – resources.

5 Given the fact that all of these systems make use of City-owned infrastructure and rely on  
6 fiber-optic cable to operate, the City can save money by coordinating DAS installations, ATVES  
7 installations, and CitiWatch camera installations.

8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
9 Council calls on representatives from the Department of Transportation, the Baltimore Police  
10 Department, Baltimore City Information Technology, the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice, the  
11 Department of Finance, the Office of Real Estate, the Department of Planning, and the Mayor’s  
12 Office of Sustainable Solutions to appear before the Council to testify on how DAS and ATVES  
13 installations can ease the burden of cost of installation of additional CitiWatch cameras.

14 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
15 Director of Transportation, the Police Commissioner, the Chief Digital Officer, the Director of  
16 the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice, the Finance Director, the Director of Real Estate, the  
17 Director of Planning, the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Sustainable Solutions, and the  
18 Mayor’s and the Comptroller’s Legislative Liaisons to the City Council.