

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 09-0143R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Cole, Henry, Middleton, Curran, Kraft, Welch, Spector, Holton,
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Introduced and read first time: August 10, 2009

Assigned to: Community Development Subcommittee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Public Works, Department of
Recreation and Parks, Baltimore City Parking Authority Board, Police Department, Department
of Transportation, Department of General Services, Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts,
Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Preparations for Major Events and Festivals – Improving**
3 **Notification Procedures for Road Closings and Other Preparations**

4 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives of the Parking Authority of Baltimore City, the
5 Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods, the
6 Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of Transportation, the Department of
7 Public Works, and the Department of General Services to a City Council hearing to brief the
8 Council on the procedures in place for notifying communities about road closings, meter
9 bagging, and other preparations for major events, and to discuss possible methods for
10 improving these procedures.

11 **Recitals**

12 Baltimore offers citizens a wide array of major events, celebrations, and festivals that we
13 wish to encourage. Part of the preparation for an event includes closing designated roads and
14 bagging specific parking meters.

15 Currently, calling the Mayor's office or a City representative is the only way for a resident in
16 the area surrounding a major event to find out why roads are being closed. The issue is
17 compounded when it appears to residents that the roads are closed and meters are bagged too far
18 in advance of the event or restrictions remain in place long after the event concludes.

19 We are mindful of the work necessary to prepare for a major event and commend the City
20 workers for the fine job they do. At the same time, it is important to open avenues of
21 communication with area residents, offering them easy access to the information they need. The
22 requested hearing is meant to explore methods through which residents can access information
23 about major event preparations, particularly road closings and meter bagging.

24 The purpose of this hearing is to insure that residents have easy access to the information
25 they need concerning preparations for upcoming major events in their communities.

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

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
2 Director or his/her designee from the Parking Authority, Baltimore Office of Promotion and the
3 Arts, the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhoods, and the Departments of Recreation and Parks,
4 Transportation, Public Works, and General Services are invited to brief the Council on possible
5 methods of improving pre-event communications with citizens in the area of a planned major
6 event.

7 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
8 Director of the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhoods, the Executive Director of the Parking
9 Authority of Baltimore City, the Executive Director of the Baltimore Office of Promotion and
10 Arts, the Director of Recreation and Parks, the Director of Transportation, the Director of Public
11 Works, the Director of General Services, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City
12 Council.