

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 15-0220R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Holton, President Young, Councilmembers Kraft, Henry,
Middleton, Costello, Scott, Reisinger, Curran, Welch, Clarke, Spector, Stokes, Mosby
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Informational Hearing – Cleaner Streets

FOR the purpose of requesting that representatives from the Department of Public Works, and other City agencies working to make Baltimore cleaner, appear before the Council to discuss the City’s plan for cleaner streets and neighborhoods, the current results of this plan, and what additional steps can be taken to progress towards a cleaner Baltimore.

Recitals

A common concern raised by Baltimore residents is the cleanliness of our streets and neighborhoods. Litter, debris, and trash are not only an aesthetic concern, they also harm the environment, drive down property values, and discourage people from investing time, effort, and money into our City.

Last Spring, the Department of Public Works and the Administration unveiled an expanded street sweeping effort intended to regularly clean 90% of Baltimore’s streets. This effort has had mixed results, with some areas showing a clear improvement while residents in other areas report no changes.

It is also not clear if the City has a real, comprehensive, plan to address the problems of litter, illegal dumping, and general grime that continue to plague too many City neighborhoods. Street sweeping, done properly, can be an important element in the City’s efforts to combat these scourges, but it cannot succeed on its own without parallel investments in education and other cleanup initiatives.

A year into its implementation, it is important that the Council and the public be provided with a clear update on the status and results of the City’s expanded street sweeping program. Equally important is ensuring that this program is given a real chance to succeed by being situated within a coordinated plan to provide the City with cleaner streets and neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Council requests that representatives from the Department of Public Works, and other City agencies working to make Baltimore cleaner, appear before it to discuss the City’s plan for cleaner streets and neighborhoods, the current results of this plan, and what additional steps can be taken to progress towards a cleaner Baltimore.

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

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1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
2 Director of Public Works, the Health Commissioner, the Director of General Services, the
3 Director of Recreation and Parks, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.