

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 22-0117R
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Porter, Bullock, Middleton, Torrence, Cohen, Stokes, Ramos
Introduced and read first time: July 11, 2022

Assigned to: Health, Environment, and Technology Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Baltimore Police Department,
Department of Public Works, Department of Housing and Community Development, Health
Department, Mayor's Office of Homeless Services

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing - Baltimore Public Sanitation - Homeless Encampments**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Department of Public Works, the
4 Department of Housing and Community Development, the Baltimore City Health
5 Department, the Baltimore City Police Department, and the Mayor's Office of Homeless
6 Services to brief the City Council on potential strategies for mitigating waste left by homeless
7 encampments, including a discussion regarding the procurement of a contracted service to
8 clear hazardous waste from such encampments.

9 **WHEREAS**, homelessness is a complex issue in Baltimore City, both for those who are
10 unhoused as well as other local residents.

11 **WHEREAS**, homeless encampments have become more prevalent in the City as the number of
12 unhoused residents increases, leading to more refuse in surrounding areas.

13 **WHEREAS**, refuse left around homeless encampments often contains bio-hazardous materials,
14 including human and animal waste, non-regulated trash, and drug paraphernalia.

15 **WHEREAS**, no agency or contractor is currently designated to clear refuse left by homeless
16 encampments, leaving local residents to undertake clean-up and presenting considerable
17 environmental health risks.

18 **WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the need to designate an agency or contractor to
19 clear refuse left by homeless encampments to alleviate the undue burden and potential health
20 risks to local residents.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the City
22 Council invites the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director of the Department
23 of Housing and Community Development, the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Health
24 Department, the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Police Department, and the Director of the
25 Mayor's Office of Homeless Services to brief the City Council on potential strategies for
26 mitigating waste left by homeless encampments, including a discussion regarding the
27 procurement of a contracted service to clear hazardous waste from such encampments.

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

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1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Director of the
2 Department of Public Works, the Director of the Department of Housing and Community
3 Development, the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Health Department, the Commissioner of
4 the Baltimore City Police Department, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services,
5 and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.