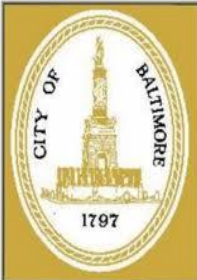


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	SUBJECT	City Council Resolution 22-0117R		

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**TO:**

Health, Environment, and Technology Committee

I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 22-0117R introduced by Council Members Porter, Bullock, Middleton, Torrence, Cohen, Stokes, and Ramos.

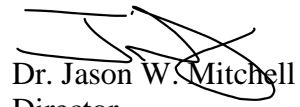
The purpose of the Resolution is to invite representatives from the Departments of Public Works, Housing and Community Development, Health, Baltimore Police, and the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services (MOHS), to brief the City Council on potential strategies for mitigating waste left in homeless encampments, including a discussion regarding the procurement of a contracted service to clear hazardous waste from such encampments.

The Department of Public Works coordinates its interactions with homeless encampments with the Office of Homeless Services. Homeless Services conducts the outreach with these residents to let them know what day Public Works will be coming to pick up trash. Bags are provided to allow residents to discard any items they don't want or need. Public Works uses an internal Service Request to keep track of these collections. These Service Requests are not for general cleaning of the site, but to simply collect accumulated trash and discarded items already bagged by the current occupants. MOHS is the lead agency that coordinates the cleaning of homeless encampments with multiple partners, including the Department of Public Works' Bureau of Solid Waste.

Homeless encampments can present other challenges should biohazardous materials be found at these sites. In addition, biohazardous materials can be discarded in the rights-of way or found on unattended properties. These materials require special handling and disposal. In an effort to address this problem, the Department of Public Works was granted permission by the Department of Finance to procure a six-month emergency cleaning contract with a vendor who can provide biohazardous waste handling and disposal services. This contract will enable the Department to determine the effectiveness of this specialized service as well as gauge how frequently these services may be needed.

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Representatives of the Department of Public Works will attend the hearing on City Council Resolution 22-0117R to participate in the discussion and to assist with any questions the Committee may have.



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