

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 23-0150R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes, Bullock, Burnett, Cohen, Dorsey, Ramos, Middleton
Introduced and read first time: January 9, 2023

Assigned to: Public Safety and Government Operations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, Baltimore Police Department, Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing - Crime at Gas Stations**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Police Department, the
4 Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, the Deputy Mayor of Public
5 Safety, the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, and relevant community groups
6 to engage in a discussion with the City Council regarding the recent rise in violent crime at
7 gas stations throughout Baltimore City, including a discussion of options to prevent or
8 mitigate such occurrences.

9 **WHEREAS**, in recent months, instances of violent crime at gas stations have been prevalent
10 throughout Baltimore City.

11 **WHEREAS**, cases include a triple shooting at a station in northwest Baltimore in April, a fatal
12 shooting in northeast Baltimore in June, and a shooting involving two minors, ages 14 and 15, in
13 east Baltimore in May.

14 **WHEREAS**, this trend is extremely concerning, especially considering that gas stations are
15 inherently public places that provide not only fuel, but also convenience stores and automotive
16 services for many residents.

17 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the City work to prevent violent crime from occurring at gas
18 stations to ensure the safety of residents.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the City
20 Council invites representatives from the Baltimore City Police Department, the Mayor's Office
21 of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, the Deputy Mayor of Public Safety, the Office of the
22 State's Attorney for Baltimore City, and relevant community groups to engage in a discussion
23 with the City Council regarding the recent rise in violent crime at gas stations throughout
24 Baltimore City, including a discussion of options to prevent or mitigate such occurrences.

25 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Baltimore City
26 Police Commissioner, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and
27 Engagement, the Deputy Mayor of Public Safety, the State's Attorney for Baltimore City,
28 relevant stakeholder groups, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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