

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0143R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Schleifer, Henry, Bullock, Sneed, Burnett, Pinkett, Dorsey,
Middleton, Cohen, Clarke, Stokes, Reisinger, Scott, President Young

Introduced and read first time: March 11, 2019

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Public Works, Department of
Transportation, Health Department, Department of Housing and Community Development,
Mayor's Office of Information Technology, Police Department, Fire Department, Department of
Finance

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Investigatory Hearing – Agency Permitting Processes**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting the heads of the Department of Finance, Department of Public
4 Works, Department of Transportation, Health Department, the Department of Housing and
5 Community Development, Mayor's Office of Information Technology, and representatives of
6 the Baltimore Police Department and the Baltimore City Fire Department to provide
7 information about their agencies' permitting and licensing processes.

8 **Recitals**

9 Many agencies in Baltimore City provide licenses and permits to Baltimore City businesses
10 and citizens. The processes for providing these permits and licenses is not standardized - a
11 business or citizen cannot expect that receiving a permit from one agency will take the same
12 amount of time as receiving a permit from another agency would take. The processes each
13 agency employs to give permits or licenses to City businesses and residents also differ. If
14 possible, it would be best if there were standard procedures and time frames that each agency
15 followed in providing permits and licenses. The Baltimore City Council would like to learn what
16 different processes City agencies currently follow in order to provide permits and licenses, and
17 how much time these processes take. The City Council would like to explore the feasibility of a
18 streamlined process that would improve efficiency and turn around time on licenses and permits.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
20 Baltimore City Council invites the heads of the Department of Finance, Department of Public
21 Works, Department of Transportation, Health Department, Department of Housing and
22 Community Development, Mayor's Office of Information Technology, and representatives of the
23 Baltimore Police Department and the Baltimore City Fire Department to provide information
24 about their agencies' permitting and licensing processes.

25 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Director of the
26 Department of Finance, the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director of the
27 Department of Transportation, the Health Commissioner, the Commissioner of the Department
28 of Housing and Community Development, the CIO of the Mayor's Office of Information

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

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1 Technology, the Police Commissioner, the Fire Chief, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the
2 City Council.