

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 19-0179R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Henry, President Scott, Councilmembers Dorsey, Burnett,
Cohen, Bullock, Pinkett, Clarke, Reisinger

Introduced and read first time: November 4, 2019

Assigned to: Housing and Urban Affairs Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Transportation, Department of Housing
and Community Development, Police Department, Office of the Mayor, Department of Public
Works, Fire Department, Mayor's Office of Emergency Management

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – BGE Planned Power Outages**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting representatives from BGE, the Department of Transportation, the
4 Department of Housing and Community Development, the Baltimore Police Department, the
5 Mayor's Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety, the Department of Public Works, the
6 Baltimore City Fire Department, and the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to
7 discuss protocols and best practices for planned power outages.

8 **Recitals**

9 Baltimore City has aging electrical infrastructure, and repairs are necessary to maintain this
10 equipment. However, blackouts are dangerous and hazardous to vulnerable populations if not
11 planned accordingly.

12 As BGE continues to perform scheduled maintenance on power lines in Baltimore, the City
13 Council is interested in learning how City agencies can collaborate and support power outages,
14 how communication on outages can be improved, and in understanding any guidelines or
15 regulations already in place for the power outages. Furthermore, the City Council is interested in
16 learning of any state legislation necessary to ensure proper planning.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
18 Council invites representatives from BGE, the Department of Transportation, the Department of
19 Housing and Community Development, Baltimore Police Department, the Mayor's Deputy Chief
20 of Staff for Public Safety, the Department of Public Works, the Baltimore City Fire Department,
21 and the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to discuss protocols and best practices for
22 planned power outages.

23 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, BGE's
24 CEO, the Director of the Department of Transportation, the Commissioner of the Department of
25 Housing and Community Development, the Commissioner of the Baltimore Police Department,
26 the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Chief of the Baltimore City Fire
27 Department, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

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