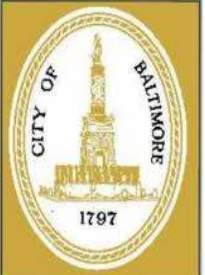


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	<b>SUBJECT</b>	City Council Bill 21-0030		

February 26, 2021

**TO:**

Public Safety and Government Operations Committee

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 21-0030 introduced by Council Members Burnett, Cohen, Dorsey, Porter, Middleton, Bullock, Ramos, Torrence, and Schleifer.

The purpose of the Bill is to require the City Administrator to coordinate a multi-agency code inspection after a commercial property has been issued certain environmental citations; require the City Administrator and the Department of Housing and Community Development to receive a copy of all environmental citations issued; specify which agencies must be included in the multi-agency inspection team; require the City Administrator to provide certain information to councilmembers; require that the City Administrator submit an annual report detailing the work of the multi-agency inspection team; and provide for a special effective date.

City Council Bill 21-0030 includes the Department of Public Works as one of the agencies required to be a participating member of the multi-agency inspection team. The legislation also includes the following types of environmental citations issued by code enforcement officers to commercial property owners, that would trigger the proposed multi-agency inspection team for violations of:

- Article 19 Subtitle 32 {Minors – Sales in Proximity to Liquor Store};
- Article 23 {Sanitation}; and
- Title 5 Subtitle 2 {Nuisance Abatement}, Title 7 {Waste Control}, Title 12 {Tobacco Products and Smoking Devices}, and Title 15 {Ephedrine Products} of the Health Code.

While sanitation violations do concern the Department of Public Works, the Department does not have code enforcement officers and does not perform code inspections or issue citations for these violations. The Bureau of Solid Waste did have sanitation enforcement responsibilities at one time, but the sanitation enforcement officer positions were transferred to the Department of Housing and Community Development in 2007.

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Due to the Department of Public Works' lack of code enforcement responsibilities, it is the Department's position that it be removed from the legislation by striking line 12 on page 4 of the Bill, thus removing Public Works from the multi-agency code inspection team.

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Attachment