



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

**City of Baltimore
Council Bill R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning
Informational Hearing -- Sanitization of Buildings under the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program and HUD Regulatory Authority

For the purpose of inviting the Housing Authority of Baltimore City and firms that co-own affordable housing with the Authority, under the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program, as well as the managers of multi-family housing units regulated by HUD, to report to the City Council regarding how common areas of the buildings in these programs are sanitized during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recitals

Whereas, Baltimore City residents are endangered by the COVID-19 virus;

Whereas, One way to prevent the spread of the virus is to frequently sanitize areas used by the public;

Whereas, The Rental Assistance Demonstration Program is a housing program that uses a public-private partnership model to renovate and maintain affordable housing;

Whereas, Under the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program, the Housing Authority of Baltimore City jointly owns buildings that are part of the program with private firms, and the joint owners of each building in the program are responsible for cleaning the common areas of the buildings;

Whereas, In addition to buildings that are jointly owned by the Housing Authority of Baltimore City and private firms, there are multifamily housing developments regulated by HUD in Baltimore City that have managers who are required to clean the common areas of the buildings;

Whereas, Residents of these buildings are not being told what cleaning agents and other supplies the firms are using to clean the common areas nor how often the common areas are cleaned;

Whereas, Residents are fearful of using the common areas without this information; and

Whereas, The City Council believes that the cleaning schedules for these common areas should be posted in the common areas, including in the lobbies and elevators of the buildings.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the City Council invites the Housing Authority of Baltimore City and firms that co-own affordable housing with the Authority, under the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program, as well as the managers of multi-family housing units regulated by HUD, to report to the City Council regarding how common areas of the buildings in these programs are sanitized during the COVID-19 pandemic.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.