



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

City of Baltimore Council Bill R (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Dorsey

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning **Calling for a Parking Cash-Out Option for City Employees**

For the purpose of calling for the establishment of a parking cash-out option for all City employees that would pay a cash amount equivalent to the parking subsidy option provided to that employee.

Recitals

Whereas, more than 600 Baltimore City employees choose to drive to work in part because their parking is subsidized, costing Baltimore City more than \$800,000 per year..

Whereas, plans prepared by the Baltimore City Planning Department and Baltimore City Department of Transportation, including the Comprehensive Master Plan, the Sustainability Plan, the Climate Action Plan, and the Bicycle Master Plan, express support for the goal of reducing private automobile trips by shifting those trips to walking, bicycling, carpooling, and public transportation.

Whereas, cities across the country have begun offering financial incentives for employees to give up their parking spaces through parking cash-out programs, which allow employees to choose between keeping their subsidized parking space, or accepting a cash payment equal to the value of the parking subsidy to which they are otherwise entitled..

Whereas, these parking cash-out programs have been shown to successfully decrease employees driving alone to work while increasing carpooling, walking, biking, and use of public transportation.

Whereas, case studies from cities that have implemented parking cash-out indicate that these programs are simple, fair, and benefit commuters, employers, taxpayers and the environment.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, that the Council calls for the establishment of a parking cash-out option for all City employees that would pay a cash amount equivalent to the parking subsidy option provided to that employee.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Director of Human Resources, the Finance Director, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.