



## Legislation Text

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### Introductory\*

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

Introduced by: Councilmember Schleifer

### A Resolution Entitled

#### A Council Resolution concerning **Investigatory Hearing - Agency Permitting Processes**

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

### Recitals

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

**Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore,** That the Baltimore City Council invites the heads of the Department of Finance, Department of Public Works, Department of Transportation, Health Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, Mayor's Office of Information Technology, and representatives of the Baltimore Police Department and the Baltimore City Fire Department to provide information about their agencies' permitting and licensing processes.

**And be it further resolved,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Director of the Department of Finance, the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director of the Department of Transportation, the Health Commissioner, the Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the CIO of the Mayor's Office of Information Technology, the Police Commissioner, the Fire Chief, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.