



Legislation Text

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Explanation: Capitals indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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Introductory*

**City of Baltimore
Council Bill**

Introduced by: Councilmember Ramos

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning
Vacant Building Notices

For the purpose of defining the term “vacant building notice”; creating and amending certain penalties for failing to abate a vacant building notice; and generally related to the issuance and enforcement of vacant building notices.

By adding

Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes
Section 2-103 (IBC § 116.11)
Baltimore City Revised Code
(2020 Edition)

By repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
Section 40-14(e)(5c)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Revised Code

Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes

Part II. International Building Code

§ 2-103 City Modifications.

The additions, deletions, amendments, and other modifications adopted by the City are as follows:

**Chapter 1
Scope and Administration**

Section 116 Unsafe Structures

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116.11 Failure to abate a vacant building notice.

116.11.1 Definitions. “Vacant building notice” means a violation notice issued under this section that designates a structure to be a vacant structure.

116.11.2 Citations. A citation for failing to abate a vacant building notice shall be issued at the discretion of the Building Official until the notice is abated.

116.11.3 Penalties. Notwithstanding § 114 {“Violations”} of this Code, the penalty for each citation issued for failure to abate a vacant building notice is \$1,000.

116.11.4 Offenses. Each day the vacant building notice is not abated is a separate offense.

Baltimore City Code

Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

Subtitle 40. Environmental Control Board

§ 40-14. Violations to which this subtitle applies.

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(e) *Provisions and penalties enumerated.*

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(5c) ***Building, Fire and Related Codes Article -
Building Code***

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§ 123.8. Failure to comply with notice or citation
Unsafe structures {§ 116}

Condemnation proceedings {§ 120}	\$1,000 [\$900]
All other notices (excluding citations)	\$500
	\$250

Section 2. And be it further ordained, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.