

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 06-0382
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, D'Adamo, Curran, Harris, President Dixon,
Councilmembers Kraft, Conaway, Young, Branch

Introduced and read first time: April 4, 2006

Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Housing and
Community Development, Environmental Control Board, Health Department

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Property Maintenance Code – Rain Barrels**

3 FOR the purpose of excepting certain rain barrels from the requirement to elevate objects and
4 materials stored outdoors; clarifying, correcting, and conforming certain language; and
5 generally relating to the outdoor storage of objects and materials.

6 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

7 Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes

8 Section(s) 7-102 (PMC § 304.7)

9 Baltimore City Revised Code

10 (Edition 2000)

11 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
12 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

13 **Baltimore City Revised Code**

14 **Article – Building, Fire, and Related Codes**

15 **Part VII. International Property Maintenance Code**

16 **§ 7-102. City modifications.**

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

19 **Chapter 3. General Requirements**

20 **Section 304 Exterior Sanitary Maintenance – General**

21 **304.7 Outdoor storage.** Outdoor storage must be neat and orderly.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 **304.7.1 ELEVATION REQUIRED – GENERAL.** [All] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED
2 IN THIS § 304.7, ALL stored objects and materials must be elevated at least 1 foot off
3 the ground to prevent rat harborage.

4 **304.7.2 ELEVATION REQUIRED – EXCEPTIONS.** THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 304.7.1 DO
5 NOT APPLY TO:

- 6 A. RAIN BARRELS STORED ON A HARD AND IMPERVIOUS SURFACE, OR
- 7 B. [unless] ANY OTHER OBJECTS OR MATERIALS FOR WHICH THE CODE OFFICIAL
8 DETERMINES THAT elevation is [determined] unnecessary [by the
9 commissioner].

10 **303.7.3 [304.7.1] Caveat.** Nothing in this section authorizes any outdoor storage
11 that is otherwise prohibited by law.

12 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
13 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
14 Ordinance.

15 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
16 after the date it is enacted.