

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 08-0213
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Curran, Holton, Spector, Young, Middleton, Branch, Cole,
Henry, Reisinger, Conaway, D'Adamo, Welch, Clarke

Introduced and read first time: October 6, 2008

Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Housing and
Community Development

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Vacant Lot Registration – Exceptions**

3 FOR the purpose of excepting certain lots from the requirement to register vacant lots.

4 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

5 Article 13 - Housing and Urban Renewal

6 Section(s) 11-2

7 Baltimore City Code

8 (Edition 2000)

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

11 **Baltimore City Code**

12 **Article 13. Housing and Urban Renewal**

13 **Subtitle 11. Registration of Vacant Lots**

14 **§ 11-2. Registration required.**

15 (a) *Owner to register annually.*

16 [By] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, BY September 1 of each
17 year, the owner of a vacant lot that is assessed for \$100 or more must file a registration
18 statement with the Commissioner on a form to be provided by the Commissioner.

19 (b) *Registration fee.*

20 (1) The annual registration fee is \$25 for each vacant lot, with a maximum fee of \$5,000
21 for all lots titled to the same owner of record.

22 (2) This fee must be paid at the time of registration.

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

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1 (c) *Purchaser to register on acquisition.*

2 A new owner of a vacant lot must, at the time of acquisition:

3 (1) file a registration statement; and

4 (2) pay the annual registration fee, unless that fee already was paid by the prior
5 owner.

6 (D) *EXCEPTIONS.*

7 THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A VACANT LOT THAT:

8 (1) ADJOINS A NON-VACANT LOT TITLED TO THE SAME OWNER OF RECORD AS THE
9 VACANT LOT;

10 (2) CONTAINS A PARKING PAD ACTIVELY USED BY A NEARBY PROPERTY OWNER;
11 OR

12 (3) EXTENDS INTO BALTIMORE COUNTY.

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

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