

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 08-0213

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

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: March 22, 2010

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Vacant Lot Registration – Exceptions

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

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 13 - Housing and Urban Renewal
Section(s) 11-2
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 Code

Article 13. Housing and Urban Renewal

Subtitle 11. Registration of Vacant Lots

§ 11-2. Registration required.

(a) *Owner to register annually.*

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

(b) *Registration fee.*

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

(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.
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by
amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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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 THAT IS TITLED TO THE SAME OWNER OF RECORD AS
9 THE VACANT LOT AND IS THE OWNER'S PRIMARY RESIDENCE;

10 (2) CONTAINS A PARKING PAD THAT COMPLIES WITH THE SURFACE REQUIREMENTS
11 OF BUILDING CODE § 3110.2 AND IS ACTIVELY USED BY A ~~NEARBY PROPERTY~~
12 ~~OWNER~~ PERSON WHOSE PRIMARY RESIDENCE IS WITHIN 100 FEET OF THE PAD;
13 OR

14 (3) EXTENDS ~~INTO BALTIMORE COUNTY~~ BEYOND CITY LIMITS.

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

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

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Certified as duly passed this _____ day of _____, 20__

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,
this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City