

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 07-0656  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, D'Adamo, Curran, Spector, Young, Mitchell, Welch,  
Reisinger

Introduced and read first time: April 23, 2007

Assigned to: Taxation and Finance Committee

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

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Foreclosures for Municipal Liens – Limitation for Residences**

3 FOR the purpose of precluding the City from foreclosing on certain residential property under  
4 certain circumstances; and generally relating to the enforcement of municipal liens.

5 BY adding

6 Article 28 - Taxes  
7 Section(s) 8-1.5  
8 Baltimore City Code  
9 (Edition 2000)

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

12 **Baltimore City Code**

13 **Article 28. Taxes**

14 **Subtitle 8. Tax Sales**

15 **§ 8-1.5. FORECLOSURE LIMITATIONS ON RESIDENCES.**

16 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CODE TO THE CONTRARY, THE CITY MAY  
17 NOT INSTITUTE A FORECLOSURE OF ANY MUNICIPAL LIEN ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IF:

18 (1) THE OUTSTANDING LIENS ON THE PROPERTY DO NOT INCLUDE A LIEN FOR UNPAID  
19 PROPERTY TAXES; AND

20 (2) THE PROPERTY IS NOT A VACANT STRUCTURE WITHIN THE MEANING OF BUILDING  
21 CODE § 115.4.

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

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

4       **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
5 after the date it is enacted.