

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 22-0207
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Ramos, Middleton, Porter, McCray, Torrence, Burnett, Cohen

Introduced and read first time: March 21, 2022

Assigned to: Economic Development Committee

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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 style="text-align:center">**Vacant Building Notices**

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

6 BY adding

7 Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes

8 Section 2-103 (IBC § 116.11)

9 Baltimore City Revised Code

10 (2020 Edition)

11 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

12 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

13 Section 40-14(e)(5c)

14 Baltimore City Code

15 (Edition 2000)

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

18 style="text-align:center">**Baltimore City Revised Code**

19 style="text-align:center">**Article – Building, Fire, and Related Codes**

20 style="text-align:center">**Part II. International Building Code**

21 **§ 2-103 City Modifications.**

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

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

**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***

§ 123.8. Failure to comply with notice or citation
Unsafe structures {§ 116}
Condemnation proceedings {§ 120}
All other notices (excluding citations)

**\$1,000 [\$900]
\$500
\$250**

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1 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
2 after the date it is enacted.