

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 15-0504
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Stokes, Kraft, Costello, Curran, President Young,

Councilmembers Middleton, Scott, Holton, Henry, Reisinger, Clarke, Welch

Introduced and read first time: March 23, 2015

Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 style="text-align:center">**Collection of Taxes, Fees, etc. –**
3 style="text-align:center">**Warning of Lien and Potential Foreclosure**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain City bills, invoices, and other statements to contain a
5 warning of the potential consequences of a failure to pay.

6 BY adding

7 Article 28 - Taxes

8 Section(s) 4-4

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

14 style="text-align:center">**Article 28. Taxes**

15 style="text-align:center">**Subtitle 4. Collections**

16 **§ 4-4. WARNING OF LIEN AND POTENTIAL FORECLOSURE.**

17 (A) *SCOPE OF SECTION.*

18 THIS SECTION APPLIES TO EVERY BILL, INVOICE, OR OTHER STATEMENT ISSUED BY OR FOR
19 THE CITY TO COLLECT A TAX, FEE, OR OTHER CHARGE THAT, BY OPERATION OF LAW,
20 CONSTITUTES A LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY.

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

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1 (B) *WARNING REQUIRED.*

2 EACH BILL, INVOICE, OR OTHER STATEMENT TO WHICH THIS SECTION APPLIES SHALL
3 CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING WARNING, PROMINENTLY AND CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAYED IN
4 BOLD FACE TYPE:

5 **“WARNING: THESE CHARGES ARE A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY**
6 **IDENTIFIED. FAILURE TO TIMELY PAY THESE CHARGES CAN LEAD TO**
7 **FORECLOSURE OF THE LIEN AND THE SALE AT AUCTION OF YOUR**
8 **PROPERTY.”**

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

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