



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the City Council
c/o Shamoyia Gardiner, Deputy Chief of Staff, Council President's Office

From: J Hardy, Community & Legislative Affairs Coordinator

Date: October 23rd, 2025

Re: 25-0080 - In Rem Foreclosure – Vacant Structures and Nuisance Properties

Position: Defer to Department of Housing and Community Development

The Department of Real Estate (DORE) is herein reporting on City Council Bill 25-0080, introduced by Councilmember Ramos.

This bill authorizes certain vacant structures and nuisance properties to be subject to an expanded in rem foreclosure process under the Baltimore City Building Code and State Tax-Property Article. It establishes procedures to foreclose property interests, transfer properties to the City, ensure compensation when properties have value, and enable post-judgment property disposition aligned with blight removal and redevelopment goals.

This bill does not affect operations within the DORE. We defer to the Department of Housing & Community Development as the affected agency.

CC:

Celeste Amato, Chief of Staff, Comptroller Office
KC Kelleher, Deputy Chief of Staff, Comptroller's Office