

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 08-0100  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Young, President Rawlings-Blake, Councilmembers D'Adamo, Cole, Henry, Curran, Holton, Middleton, Branch, Welch, Conaway, Clarke, Reisinger, Spector

Introduced and read first time: April 14, 2008

Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Works, Department of Real Estate, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Finance, Department of Transportation

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Tax Sales – “Property to be Acquired” – Agency Coordination**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the tax sale of property that is designated or being considered for  
4 possible future acquisition by or on behalf of the City under a plan for development or  
5 redevelopment; requiring certain notices to and certain verifications from certain entities  
6 before a property may be advertised for tax sale; and generally relating to tax and other lien  
7 sales.

8 BY renaming

9 Article 28 - Taxes

10 Subtitle 8. Tax Sales

11 to be

12 Subtitle 8. Tax and Other Lien Sales

13 Baltimore City Code

14 (Edition 2000)

15 BY adding

16 Article 28 - Taxes

17 Section(s) 8-7

18 Baltimore City Code

19 (Edition 2000)

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

22 **Baltimore City Code**

23 **Article 28. Taxes**

24 **Subtitle 8. Tax AND OTHER LIEN Sales**

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

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**§ 8-7. NO TAX SALE FOR “PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED”.**

*(A) IN GENERAL.*

PROPERTY MAY NOT BE SOLD AT TAX SALE IF IT IS DESIGNATED OR OTHERWISE BEING CONSIDERED FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACQUISITION BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY UNDER ANY MASTER PLAN, URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, CONSERVATION PLAN, OR OTHER PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OR REDEVELOPMENT.

*(B) PRE-ADVERTISING INTRA-AGENCY NOTICE.*

BEFORE ANY PROPERTY MAY BE ADVERTISED FOR TAX SALE, THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OR OTHER PERSON IN CHARGE OF CONDUCTING THE TAX SALE MUST:

- (1) PROVIDE EACH OF THE ENTITIES LISTED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION WITH THE ADDRESS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY TO BE ADVERTISED; AND
- (2) REQUEST THE ENTITY’S VERIFICATION THAT THE CITY HAS NO INTEREST IN ACQUIRING THE PROPERTY UNDER ANY PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OR REDEVELOPMENT.

*(C) VERIFICATION.*

(1) NO PROPERTY MAY BE ADVERTISED FOR TAX SALE UNLESS EACH OF THE ENTITIES IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION HAS VERIFIED IN WRITING THAT, TO THE BEST OF THE ENTITY’S KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND RECORDS:

- (I) THE PROPERTY HAS NOT BEEN DESIGNATED AND IS NOT OTHERWISE BEING CONSIDERED FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACQUISITION BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY UNDER ANY PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OR REDEVELOPMENT; OR
- (II) IF SO DESIGNATED OR PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED UNDER ANY PLAN, THE PROPERTY NO LONGER IS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACQUISITION BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

(2) THE ENTITIES FROM WHICH THIS VERIFICATION IS REQUIRED ARE:

- (I) DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
- (II) HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY.
- (III) DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING.
- (IV) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
- (V) DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

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1 (VI) DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE.

2 (VII) BALTIMORE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

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

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