

City of Baltimore

City Council
City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Meeting Minutes - Final

Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

Thursday, July 16, 2020

10:00 AM
Virtual Webex Hearing: Phone: 1-408-418-9388, Access Code:
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20-0529
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CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 5 - Member Sharon Green Middleton, Member Danielle McCray, Member Eric T. Costello, Member Edward Reisinger, and Member Robert Stokes Sr.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

[20-0529](#)

**Property Tax - In Rem Foreclosure and Sale - Vacant and Abandoned
Property**

For the purpose of requiring the Director of Finance to withhold from tax sale certain real property designated by the Board of Estimates for foreclosure and sale under a certain process; authorizing the Mayor and City Council acting by and through the Department of Housing and Community Development to initiate an in rem foreclosure and sale of certain real property for delinquent taxes; authorizing the Mayor and City Council to enact certain laws authorizing in rem foreclosure and sale of certain real property; authorizing the Mayor and City Council acting by and through the Department of Housing and Community Development to commence an in rem foreclosure action; prohibiting commencing an in rem foreclosure action until tax on real property has been delinquent for a certain period and the right to appeal a certain notice has tolled; requiring certain taxes to be included in the foreclosure action; requiring any foreclosure action under this subtitle be filed in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City and that notice and a copy of the complaint be sent to each interested party within a certain period of time and in a certain manner; requiring the complaint for an in rem foreclosure to include certain information; allowing the complaint for an in rem foreclosure to be amended for certain purposes; providing that an interested party has a certain right to cure certain delinquent taxes and liens on the real property under certain circumstances; requiring a hearing on the in rem foreclosure complaint to be conducted at a certain time; providing that an interested party has the right to be heard at the hearing; requiring the court to enter a certain judgment on a certain finding; requiring the judgment to be recorded in certain land records; providing that title acquired in a certain foreclosure proceeding shall be a certain absolute or fee simple title except under certain circumstances; providing that a judgment in an action under this subtitle is binding and conclusive, regardless of legal disability, on certain persons; defining certain terms; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to in rem foreclosure and sale of tax delinquent vacant and abandoned property.

Sponsors: City Council President (Administration)

A motion was made by member Reisinger, seconded by member Costello, that bill 20-0529 be recommended favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Member Middleton, Member McCray, Member Costello, Member Reisinger, and Member Stokes Sr.

ADJOURNMENT