

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 22-0207**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Ramos, Middleton, Porter, McCray, Torrence, Burnett, Cohen  
Assigned to: Economic Development Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: June 21, 2022

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Vacant Building Notices**

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

BY adding

~~Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes~~  
~~Section 2-103 (IBC § 116.11)~~  
~~Baltimore City Revised Code~~  
~~(2020 Edition)~~

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies  
Section 40-14(e)(5c)  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

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

~~**Baltimore City Revised Code**~~

~~**Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes**~~

~~**Part II. International Building Code**~~

~~**§ 2-103 City Modifications.**~~

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

**EXPLANATION:** CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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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*

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§ 123.8. Failure to comply with notice or citation	
Unsafe structures {§ 116}	\$1,000 [\$900]
Condemnation proceedings {§ 120}	\$500
All other notices (excluding citations)	\$250

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

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Certified as duly passed this 27 day of June, 2022



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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 27 day of June, 2022



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Chief Clerk

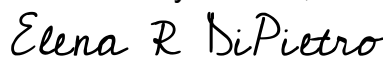
Approved this 15th day of August, 2022



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Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency

This 29th Day of June, 2022.



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Chief Solicitor