

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 22-0207

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

Committee Report: Favorable

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: June 21, 2022

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}
Condemnation proceedings {§ 120}
All other notices (excluding citations)

\$1,000 [\$900]
\$500
\$250

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

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Certified as duly passed this 27 day of June, 20 22



President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 27 day of June, 20 22



Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20____

Mayor, Baltimore City