CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL 07-0585 (First Reader)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Conaway, Young, President Rawlings-Blake, Reisinger, Clarke, Harris, Kraft, Holton, Spector, Branch, D'Adamo
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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Public Works,

Department of Housing and Community Development

AN ORDINANCE concerning

A BILL ENTITLED

The ordinated concerning
Vacant Structures – Water Cut-Off
For the purpose of providing for notice to the Director of Public Works of structures determined
to be vacant; and requiring the Director to take immediate action to cut off the water from
vacant structures for which bills are in arrears.
By repealing and reordaining, without amendments
Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes
Section(s) 2-103 (IBC § 115.4 and 115.4.1)
Baltimore City Revised Code
(Edition 2000)
By adding
Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes
Section(s) 2-103 (IBC § 115.4.6)
Baltimore City Revised Code
(Edition 2000)
By repealing and reordaining, with amendments
Article 24 - Water
Section(s) 2-3(b)
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

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

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1	§ 2-103. City modifications.
2 3	The additions, deletions, amendments, and other modifications adopted by the City are as follows:
4	Section 115 Unsafe Structures
5 6 7	115.4 Unsafe vacant structures. Every vacant structure, as defined in this § 115.4, is declared to be a fire hazard and a nuisance per se, and must be safeguarded and otherwise maintained as required in this § 115.4.
8 9	115.4.1 Definition. "Vacant structure" means an unoccupied structure that is unsafe or unfit for human habitation or other authorized use.
10 11 12	115.4.6 Notice to Public Works. Whenever the Building Official determines a structure to be vacant, the Building Official must promptly notify the Director of Public Works of that determination.
13	Baltimore City Code
14	Article 24. Water
15	Subtitle 2. Bills
16	§ 2-3. Cut-off for nonpayment.
17	(b) Arrearages.
18 19	(1) Bills in arrears are sufficient reason for discontinuing water service until all arrearages are paid.
20 21 22	(2) If a structure for which a bill is in arrears is a vacant structure, as defined in Building Code § 115.4, the Department shall proceed, without delay or grace period, to cut off the water from the premises.
23 24 25	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED , That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.
26 27	SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED , That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30 th day after the date it is enacted.