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**Title:** Open-Space Zoning Districts - Tree Canopy Preservation  
For the purpose of requiring the approval of the Forestry Division of the Department of Recreation and Parks prior to any tree removal on certain properties within a Baltimore City Open-Space Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

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**Explanation:** Capitals indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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The official copy considered by the City Council is the first reader copy.

**Introductory\***  
**City of Baltimore**

## Council Bill

Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

### **Open-Space Zoning Districts - Tree Canopy Preservation**

For the purpose of requiring the approval of the Forestry Division of the Department of Recreation and Parks prior to any tree removal on certain properties within a Baltimore City Open-Space Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

By adding

Article 32 - Zoning  
Section 7-204(h)  
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 Code**

#### **Article 32. Zoning**

#### **Title 7. Open-Space and Environmental Districts**

##### *Subtitle 2*

##### *Open-space Zoning Districts*

#### **§ 7-204. Other applicable standards.**

(h) *Tree canopy preservation.*

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, a tree may not be removed from a privately-owned property within an Open-Space Zoning District without the approval of the Forestry Division of the Department of Recreation and Parks.
- (2) The Forestry Division may only approve of the removal of a healthy tree under this subsection if the Division finds that the removal would not significantly affect the City's tree canopy.

**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.

**Section 3. And be it further ordained,** That this Ordinance takes effect when it is enacted.