



## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** 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.

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
9/12/2022	0	Mayor	Signed by Mayor	
6/27/2022	0	Baltimore City Council	Approved and Sent to the Mayor	
6/21/2022	0	Baltimore City Council	3rd Reader, for final passage	
6/21/2022	0	Economic and Community Development	Recommended Favorably with Amendment	
6/14/2022	0	Economic and Community Development	Recommended Favorably with Amendment	Pass
4/25/2022	0	Economic and Community Development	Scheduled for a Public Hearing	
3/24/2022	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Environmental Control Board	
3/24/2022	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to City Solicitor	
3/24/2022	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Dept. of Housing and Community Development	
3/24/2022	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Dept. of Finance	
3/21/2022	0	Baltimore City Council	Assigned	
3/21/2022	0	Baltimore City Council	Introduced	

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

\* **Warning:** This is an unofficial, introductory copy of the bill.  
 The official copy considered by the City Council is the first reader copy.

**Introductory\***

## City of Baltimore Council Bill

Introduced by: Councilmember Ramos

### A Bill Entitled

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:

#### **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

**Section 2. And be it further ordained,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.