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**Title:** Rooming Houses - Registration Fee

FOR the purpose of reinstating an inadvertently repealed license fee for rooming houses and reconstituting it as a registration fee; deleting certain surplus language; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the registration of non-owner-occupied dwellings, rooming houses, and vacant structures.

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
10/8/2010	0	Mayor	Signed by Mayor	
10/4/2010	0	City Council	Approved and Sent to the Mayor	
9/20/2010	0	Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee	Recommended Favorably	
9/20/2010	0	City Council	Advanced to 3rd Rdr., Adopted Comm. Report	
8/12/2010	0	The City Council	Referred for a Report	
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8/9/2010	0	City Council	Assigned	
8/9/2010	0	Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee	Scheduled for a Public Hearing	
8/9/2010	0	City Council	Introduced	

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

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INTRODUCTORY\*

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: President Young

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning  
**Rooming Houses - Registration Fee**

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BY renaming

Article 13 - Housing and Urban Renewal  
Subtitle 4. Non-Owner-Occupied Dwellings; Vacant Structures  
to be  
Subtitle 4. Registration of Non-Owner-Occupied Dwellings,  
Rooming Houses, and Vacant Structures  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

BY renaming

Article 13 - Housing and Urban Renewal  
Subtitle 5. Multiple-Family Dwellings and Rooming Houses  
to be  
Subtitle 5. Licensing of Multiple-Family Dwellings and Rooming Houses  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

BY adding

Article 13 - Housing and Urban Renewal  
Section(s) 4-1(f-1) and (f-2) and 4-8(a-1)  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 13 - Housing and Urban Renewal  
Section(s) 4-2, 4-5, 4-8(d)(1), and 4-11(b)  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies  
Section(s) 40-14(e)(1)  
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 13. Housing and Urban Renewal

Subtitle 4. REGISTRATION OF Non-Owner-Occupied Dwellings[;],  
ROOMING HOUSES, AND Vacant Structures

§ 4-1. Definitions.

(F-1) ROOMING HOUSE.

“ROOMING HOUSE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 202.2 OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF BALTIMORE CITY.

(F-2) ROOMING UNIT.

“ROOMING UNIT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 202.2 OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE OF BALTIMORE CITY.

§ 4-2. Scope.

This subtitle applies to:

- (1) every non-owner-occupied dwelling unit, whether or not it is occupied, fit for human habitation, or revenue producing;
- (2) every vacant structure, whether it is a residential structure, a non-residential structure, or other; AND
- (3) EVERY ROOMING HOUSE.

§ 4-5. Registration required.

(a) In general.

- (1) The owner of any non-owner-occupied dwelling unit OR OF ANY ROOMING HOUSE must file an annual registration statement for that unit OR THAT ROOMING HOUSE with the Commissioner.
- (2) The owner of any vacant structure must file an annual registration statement for that structure with the Commissioner.

(b) New owner [of non-owner-occupied dwelling].

- (1) A new owner of a non-owner-occupied dwelling unit OR OF A ROOMING HOUSE must file the registration statement within 10 days of acquiring title to the unit OR ROOMING HOUSE.
- (2) If the previous owner had registered the unit OR ROOMING HOUSE and paid the applicable registration fee for the current registration period, the new owner need not pay any registration fee for that registration period.

(c) Newly vacant structure.

The owner of a vacant structure, whether or not previously registered as a non-owner-occupied dwelling unit OR AS A ROOMING HOUSE, must file a new registration statement and pay the fee applicable to vacant structures,

within 10 days of the property's becoming a vacant structure.

§ 4-8. Registration fees.

(A-1) ROOMING HOUSES.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION, AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE PAID FOR ROOMING HOUSES AT THE RATE OF \$25 PER ROOMING UNIT.

(d) Exceptions.

No fee is charged for:

(1) any dwelling unit, ROOMING HOUSE, or vacant structure that is owned by a governmental entity or an instrumentality or unit of a governmental entity;

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§ 4-11. Interest and late fees.

(b) Unpaid sum a personal debt and lien.

(1) All registration fees, interest, and late fees provided for in this section are a personal debt owed by the owner of the [dwelling unit] PROPERTY.

(2) These fees and interest:

(i) are a lien ON THE PROPERTY in favor of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore [on the dwelling unit]; and

(ii) may be collected or enforced the same as any other debts or liens due to or in favor of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

#### Subtitle 5. LICENSING OF Multiple-Family Dwellings and Rooming Houses

§ 5-1. Definitions.

(f) Rooming house.

[(1)] "Rooming house" has the meaning stated in § 202.2 of the Property Maintenance Code of Baltimore City.

[(2)] "Rooming house" includes a hotel, motel, or boarding house.]

#### Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

##### Subtitle 40. Environmental Control Board

§ 40I4. Violations to which subtitle applies.

(e) Provisions and penalties enumerated.

(1) Article 13. Housing and Urban Renewal

Subtitle 4. REGISTRATION OF Non-Owner-Occupied Dwellings[;],  
ROOMING HOUSES, AND Vacant Structures

Non-owner-occupied dwellings	\$100	
ROOMING HOUSES		\$100
Vacant structures		\$500

Subtitle 5. LICENSING OF Multiple-Family Dwellings and  
Rooming Houses \$500

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That within 90 days of the effective date of this Ordinance, the owners of rooming houses shall register them under Article 13, Subtitle 4, as amended by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. 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 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is enacted.

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