



# City of Baltimore

City Council  
City Hall, Room 408  
100 North Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

## Legislation Text

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
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INTRODUCTORY\*

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmember Curran

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning  
**Property Owner Registry**

FOR the purpose of requiring the City to maintain and keep current a central registry of property owners; requiring purchasers at certain sales to notify the City of the purchase; and imposing certain penalties.

BY authority of  
Article VII - Executive Departments  
Section(s) 40(c)  
Baltimore City Charter  
(1996 Edition)

BY adding  
Article 28 - Taxes  
Section(s) 5-1 to 5-3, to be under the new subtitle  
"Subtitle 5. Registry of Property Owners"  
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 28. Taxes

SUBTITLE 5. REGISTRY OF PROPERTY OWNERS

§ 5-1. REGISTRY REQUIRED.

(A) IN GENERAL.

(1) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL MAINTAIN A CENTRAL REGISTRY OF THE OWNERS OF ALL PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY.

(2) THIS REGISTRY MAY BE INTEGRATED WITH OR MAINTAINED SEPARATELY FROM THE OTHER PROPERTY RECORDS REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER CITY CHARTER ARTICLE VII, § 40 {"DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: IDENTIFICATION OF REAL PROPERTY"}.

(B) USE.

THE CENTRAL REGISTRY SHALL BE THE OFFICIAL RECORD TO BE USED BY ALL MUNICIPAL AGENCIES TO IDENTIFY THE OWNER OF A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY.

§ 5-2. IMMEDIATE UPDATE REQUIRED.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A SYSTEM BY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL:

(1) MONITOR EXECUTION SALES, FORECLOSURE SALES, AND OTHER JUDICIAL SALES IN THE CITY; AND

(2) WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE EXECUTION, FORECLOSURE, OR OTHER JUDICIAL SALE OF A PROPERTY, UPDATE THE CENTRAL REGISTRY AND THE CITY'S ASSESSMENT RECORDS TO REFLECT THE PURCHASER OR OTHER NEW OWNER OF THE PROPERTY, WHETHER A DEED HAS BEEN RECORDED OR NOT.

§ 5-3. PURCHASER TO NOTIFY FINANCE.

(A) NOTICE REQUIRED.

WITHIN 30 DAYS OF AN EXECUTION SALE, FORECLOSURE SALE, OR OTHER JUDICIAL SALE, THE PURCHASER OR OTHER NEW OWNER OF THE PROPERTY SHALL NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE SALE.

(B) FORM AND CONTENTS.

THE NOTICE SHALL BE IN THE FORM AND CONTAIN THE INFORMATION THAT THE DIRECTOR OF WORKS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, REQUIRES.

(C) PENALTIES.

ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500 FOR EACH OFFENSE.

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 on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

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