



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 Young

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning
Tax Sales - "Property to be Acquired" - Agency Coordination

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the tax sale of property that is designated or being considered for possible future acquisition by or on behalf of the City under a plan for development or redevelopment; requiring certain notices to and certain verifications from certain entities before a property may be advertised for tax sale; and generally relating to tax and other lien sales.

BY renaming

Article 28 - Taxes

Subtitle 8. Tax Sales

to be

Subtitle 8. Tax and Other Lien Sales

Baltimore City Code

(Edition 2000)

BY adding

Article 28 - Taxes

Section(s) 8-7

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 8. Tax AND OTHER LIEN Sales

§ 8-7. NO TAX SALE FOR "PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED".

(A) IN GENERAL.

PROPERTY MAY NOT BE SOLD AT TAX SALE IF IT IS DESIGNATED OR OTHERWISE BEING CONSIDERED FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACQUISITION BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY UNDER ANY MASTER PLAN, URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, CONSERVATION PLAN, OR OTHER PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OR REDEVELOPMENT.

(B) PRE-ADVERTISING INTRA-AGENCY NOTICE.

BEFORE ANY PROPERTY MAY BE ADVERTISED FOR TAX SALE, THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OR OTHER PERSON IN CHARGE OF CONDUCTING THE TAX SALE MUST:

- (1) PROVIDE EACH OF THE ENTITIES LISTED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION WITH THE ADDRESS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY TO BE ADVERTISED; AND
- (2) REQUEST THE ENTITY'S VERIFICATION THAT THE CITY HAS NO INTEREST IN ACQUIRING THE PROPERTY UNDER ANY PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OR REDEVELOPMENT.

(C) VERIFICATION.

- (1) NO PROPERTY MAY BE ADVERTISED FOR TAX SALE UNLESS EACH OF THE ENTITIES IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION HAS VERIFIED IN WRITING THAT, TO THE BEST OF THE ENTITY'S KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND RECORDS:
 - (I) THE PROPERTY HAS NOT BEEN DESIGNATED AND IS NOT OTHERWISE BEING CONSIDERED FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACQUISITION BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY UNDER ANY PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OR REDEVELOPMENT; OR
 - (II) IF SO DESIGNATED OR PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED UNDER ANY PLAN, THE PROPERTY NO LONGER IS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACQUISITION BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.
- (2) THE ENTITIES FROM WHICH THIS VERIFICATION IS REQUIRED ARE:
 - (I) DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
 - (II) HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BALTIMORE CITY.
 - (III) DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING.
 - (IV) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
 - (V) DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

(VI) DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE.

(VII) BALTIMORE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

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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