



Legislation Text

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**Introductory\***

**City of Baltimore  
Council Bill**

Introduced by: President Mosby

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

**Vacant Structures - Nuisance Abatement - Penalty**

For the purpose of increasing a certain penalty for failing to obey a nuisance abatement order at a certain type of property; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to nuisance abatement penalties for vacant structures.

By adding

Article 19 - Police Ordinances  
Section 43A-1(h)  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

By amending

Article 19 - Police Ordinances  
Section 43A-8  
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 19. Police Ordinances**

**Subtitle 43A. Neighborhood Nuisances - Abatement**

**§ 43A-1. Definitions.**

(h) *Vacant structure.*

(1) *In general.*

“Vacant structure” has the meaning stated in § 116.4.1.2 of the Baltimore City Building Code.

(2) *Exclusions.*

“Vacant structure” does not include an accessory structure that is not intended for occupancy, such as a garage, shed, or storage building.

**§ 43A-8. Penalties.**

(a) *In general.*

Any person who violates a provision of § 43A-7 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to the following penalties:

- (1) for a violation of § 43A-7(a) {“Prohibited conduct: Destruction, etc., of posted order”}, the offender is subject to a fine of not more than \$500; and
- (2) for a violation of § 43A-7(b) {“Prohibited conduct: Failure to obey order”}, the offender is subject to:
  - (i) a fine of not more than \$500 or to imprisonment for not more than 90 days or to both fine and imprisonment[.] ; or
  - (ii) a fine of not more than \$1000 or to imprisonment for not more than 90 day or to both fine and imprisonment if:
    - (A) the premises subject to the order issued under § 43A-2 {“Nuisance abatement authorized”} is a vacant structure; and
    - (B) the offender is the owner of the vacant structure.

(b) *Each day a separate offense.*

Each day that a violation continues is a separate offense.

**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.