



City of Baltimore

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Legislation Text

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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: Councilmember Welch
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A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning
Tax Sales - Deferral for Unemployed

FOR the purpose of requiring the Director of Finance to defer, under certain circumstances and subject to certain conditions and limitations, the public sale of tax-delinquent property whose owner is unemployed; requiring certain notices; specifying certain required documentation; authorizing the Finance Director to adopt implementing rules and regulations; and generally relating to the conduct of tax sales.

BY adding

Article 28 - Taxes
Section(s) 8-1.1
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 28. Taxes

Subtitle 8. Tax Sales

§ 8-1.1. DEFERRAL OF TAX SALE FOR UNEMPLOYED TAXPAYER.

(A) IN GENERAL.

THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE SHALL DEFER FOR 1 YEAR THE PUBLIC SALE OF ANY DELINQUENT PROPERTY THAT IS OWNED, INDIVIDUALLY OR JOINTLY WITH ANOTHER, BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DEMONSTRATES, AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THAT HE OR SHE HAS BEEN UNEMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST 90 DAYS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE ON WHICH THE PROPERTY IS FIRST ADVERTISED FOR SALE UNDER STATE TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE § 14-813.

(B) NOTICE TO OWNERS.

WITH EACH NOTICE TO OWNERS SENT UNDER STATE TAX-PROPERTY ARTICLE § 14812, THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE SHALL INCLUDE A SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF:

- (1) THE POSSIBLE DEFERRAL AVAILABLE UNDER THIS SECTION; AND
- (2) THE CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING THAT DEFERRAL.

(C) APPLICATION.

(1) THE APPLICATION FOR DEFERRAL MUST BE:

(I) IN THE FORM THAT THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REQUIRES; AND

(II) SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE THE DAY ON WHICH THE PROPERTY IS SCHEDULED TO BE SOLD.

(2) THE APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FROM THE MARYLAND DIVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

(3) THE UNEMPLOYED OWNER MUST SIGN THE APPLICATION UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION, SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY.

(D) NO EXTENSION OR RENEWAL.

A DEFERRAL UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE EXTENDED OR RENEWED.

(E) RULES AND REGULATIONS.

THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

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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