



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

**City of Baltimore
Council Bill**

Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

Open-Space Zoning Districts - Tree Canopy Preservation

For the purpose of requiring the approval of the Forestry Division of the Department of Recreation and Parks prior to any tree removal on certain properties within a Baltimore City Open-Space Zoning District; and providing for a special effective date.

By adding

Article 32 - Zoning
Section 7-204(h)
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 32. Zoning

Title 7. Open-Space and Environmental Districts

Subtitle 2

Open-space Zoning Districts

§ 7-204. Other applicable standards.

(h) *Tree canopy preservation.*

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, a tree may not be removed from a privately-owned property within an Open-Space Zoning District without the approval of the Forestry Division of the Department of Recreation and Parks.

(2) The Forestry Division may only approve of the removal of a healthy tree under this subsection if the Division finds that the removal would not significantly affect the City's tree canopy.

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 when it is enacted.