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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 Curran

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning
Vacant Lot Registration - Repeal of Registration Fee

FOR the purpose of abolishing the registration fee imposed for registration of vacant lots.
BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments
Article 13 - Housing and Urban Renewal
Section(s) 11-2
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

BY repealing
Article 13 - Housing and Urban Renewal
Section(s) 11-4
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 13. Housing and Urban Renewal

Subtitle 11. Registration of Vacant Lots

§ 11-2. Registration required.

(a) Owner to register annually.

By September 1 of each year, the owner of a vacant lot that is assessed for \$100 or more must file a registration statement with the Commissioner on a form to be provided by the Commissioner.

[(b) Registration fee.

(1) The annual registration fee is \$25 for each vacant lot, with a maximum fee of \$5,000 for all lots titled to the same owner of record.

(2) This fee must be paid at the time of registration.]

(B) [(c)] Purchaser to register on acquisition.

A new owner of a vacant lot must[,] FILE THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT at the time of acquisition[:

(1) file a registration statement; and

(2) pay the annual registration fee, unless that fee already was paid by the prior owner].

(C) NO REGISTRATION FEE TO BE IMPOSED.

NO REGISTRATION FEE OR OTHER CHARGE MAY BE IMPOSED FOR REGISTERING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

[§ 11-4. Interest and late fees.

(a) In general.

If an owner fails to pay the registration fee imposed by this subtitle within 30 days of the date on which it is due, the owner is liable for the following, in addition to the registration fee:

(1) interest at the rate of 1% for each month or fraction of a month that the registration fee is overdue; and

(2) a late fee at the rate of 1% for each month or fraction of a month that the registration fee is overdue.

(b) Remedy not exclusive.

The interest and late fee imposed by this section are in addition to any other penalties authorized by law.

(c) Unpaid sum a personal debt and lien.

(1) All registration fees, interest, and late fees provided for in this section are a personal debt owed by the owner of the vacant lot.

(2) These fees and interest:

(i) are a lien in favor of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore on the vacant lot; and

(ii) may be collected or enforced the same as any other debts or liens due to or in favor of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.]

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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