



Legislation Text

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[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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Introductory*

**City of Baltimore
Council Bill**

Introduced by: Councilmember Ramos

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

Required Real Estate Disclosures - Formerly Vacant Structures

For the purpose of requiring certain disclosures in order to sell a property that was formerly issued a vacant building notice; and providing for certain penalties.

By adding

Article 2 - Consumer Protections
Section 14-8
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 2. Consumer Protections

Subtitle 14. Real Estate Practices - Disclosures

§ 14-7. *{Reserved}*

§ 14-8. **Formerly vacant structures.**

(a) *Scope of section.*

This section only applies to real property that:

- (1) had been cited with a vacant building notice that remained unabated until the rehabilitation described in this subsection;
- (2) has been rehabilitated in compliance with applicable local laws and regulations; and

(3) has not been previously occupied since the rehabilitation.

(b) *In general.*

On or before entering into a contract for the sale of any real property, the seller must disclose to the buyer that:

- (1) the property had been issued a vacant building notice by the City;
- (2) the notice has since been abated; and
- (3) the seller has obtained a valid and current occupancy permit for the premises from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

(c) *Penalty.*

Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 for each offense.

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.