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INTRODUCTORY*

CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning **Tax Lien Certificates - Verifications Required Before Issuance For Water Bills**

FOR the purpose of requiring that, before the Chief Clerk issues a tax lien certificate including water or sewer charges, the Chief Clerk must obtain a certification that the charges are based on certain verified information; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to tax lien certificates.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 28 - Taxes
Section(s) 2-4
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 28. Taxes

Subtitle 2. Lien Certificates

§ 24~~1~~ Bureau access to supporting information.

(a) Access to agency records.

For the purpose of obtaining the information necessary to [give said] ISSUE [certificate] LIEN CERTIFICATES, the [said] Chief Clerk[,], or his OR HER assistant[,], shall[, at all times,] have access AT ALL TIMES to the books and records of every department, subdepartment, and municipal officer [of the City, having] THAT HAS [any] charges

of any kind [against any person, which] THAT constitute a CHARGE OR lien against any real estate.

(b) Agencies to provide information.

(1) [And when] WHEN so directed by the Board of Estimates, any department, subdepartment, or municipal officer shall furnish to [said] THE Chief Clerk or his OR HER assistant, upon application[,]:

(I) a written statement [showing] THAT SHOWS every item of any claim [against any person, constituting] THAT CONSTITUTES a charge or lien against any real estate[.]; AND

(II) FOR ANY CLAIM INCLUDING WATER OR SEWER CHARGES, THE CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) THIS INFORMATION SHALL BE FURNISHED under [such] A system [as may be] arranged between [such] THE CHIEF CLERK AND THE department, SUBDEPARTMENT, or officer [and said Chief Clerk], with the approval of the Board of Estimates.

(3) BEFORE THE CHIEF CLERK MAY ISSUE ANY LIEN CERTIFICATE THAT INCLUDES WATER OR SEWER CHARGES, THE CHIEF CLERK MUST OBTAIN A CERTIFICATION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS THAT THE UNPAID CHARGES ARE BASED ON:

(I) ACTUAL, RATHER THAN ESTIMATED, METER READINGS AT THE PROPERTY;

(II) METER READINGS FROM A METER THAT HAS BEEN VERIFIED TO BE FUNCTIONING PROPERLY; AND

(III) METER READINGS THAT HAVE BEEN VERIFIED AS CORRECTLY TRANSCRIBED.

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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