



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 Ramos

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning  
**Vacant Building Notices**

For the purpose of defining the term “vacant building notice”; creating and amending certain penalties for failing to abate a vacant building notice; and generally related to the issuance and enforcement of vacant building notices.

By adding

Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes  
Section 2-103 (IBC § 116.11)  
Baltimore City Revised Code  
(2020 Edition)

By repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies  
Section 40-14(e)(5c)  
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 Revised Code**

**Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes**

**Part II. International Building Code**

**§ 2-103 City Modifications.**

The additions, deletions, amendments, and other modifications adopted by the City are as follows:

**Chapter 1  
Scope and Administration**

**Section 116 Unsafe Structures**

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**116.11 Failure to abate a vacant building notice.**

**116.11.1 Definitions.** “Vacant building notice” means a violation notice issued under this section that designates a structure to be a vacant structure.

**116.11.2 Citations.** A citation for failing to abate a vacant building notice shall be issued at the discretion of the Building Official until the notice is abated.

**116.11.3 Penalties.** Notwithstanding § 114 {“Violations”} of this Code, the penalty for each citation issued for failure to abate a vacant building notice is \$1,000.

**116.11.4 Offenses.** Each day the vacant building notice is not abated is a separate offense.

**Baltimore City Code**

**Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies**

**Subtitle 40. Environmental Control Board**

**§ 40-14. Violations to which this subtitle applies.**

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(e) *Provisions and penalties enumerated.*

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(5c) ***Building, Fire and Related Codes Article -  
Building Code***

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§ 123.8. Failure to comply with notice or citation  
Unsafe structures {§ 116}

	\$1,000 [\$900]
Condemnation proceedings {§ 120}	\$500
All other notices (excluding citations)	\$250

**Section 2. And be it further ordained,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.