

(1979 Edition and 1991 and 1993 Supplements, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 4 – Baltimore City

16-16A.

(G) (1) IF APPROVED BY THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT, THE FORM OF A CITATION UNDER THIS SECTION MAY CONTAIN THE SUMMONS.

(2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MAY ISSUE AND SERVE A CIVIL CITATION THAT CONSTITUTES A COMPLAINT AND A SUMMONS FOR A VIOLATION OF ANY CODES ENUMERATED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION THAT, BY ORDINANCE, ARE SUBJECT TO CIVIL PENALTIES OR EQUITABLE REMEDIES.

(H) A CIVIL CITATION SHALL BE SERVED ON THE DEFENDANT:

(1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH MARYLAND RULE 3-121; OR

(2) FOR VIOLATIONS RELATED TO REAL PROPERTY, IF PROOF IS MADE BY AFFIDAVIT THAT A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO SERVE THE DEFENDANT BY PERSONAL DELIVERY OR BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED HAS NOT SUCCEEDED ~~OR THAT THE DEFENDANT HAS ATTEMPTED TO EVADE SERVICE BY FAILING TO REGISTER AS REQUIRED BY THE BALTIMORE CITY CODE,~~ BY:

(I) REGULAR MAIL TO THE DEFENDANT'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS;
AND

(II) 1. IF THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE DEFENDANT IN THE STATE IS NOT A POST OFFICE BOX:

A. DELIVERY TO AN ADULT AT THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE DEFENDANT; OR

B. POSTING AT THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE DEFENDANT; OR

2. IF THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE DEFENDANT IS OUTSIDE OF THE STATE OR IS A POST OFFICE BOX, POSTING THE CITATION AT THE PROPERTY WHERE THE VIOLATION OCCURRED.

(I) FOR THE PURPOSES OF SERVICE OF A CIVIL CITATION AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (H) OF THIS SECTION:

(1) THE ADDRESS PROVIDED IN THE RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION RECORDS OF BALTIMORE CITY MAY BE USED AS THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF A DEFENDANT WHO IS AN ABSENTEE OWNER OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY; OR