

generally relating to proceedings for condemnation and immediate taking of distressed property in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City

Section 21-17

Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1979 Edition and 1997 Supplement, and 2000 Supplement, as amended)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 4-401(15)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume)

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

Article 4 – Baltimore City

21-17.

(a) (1) In this section[,] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) [“abandoned”] “ABANDONED property” means:

[(1)](I) an unoccupied structure or vacant lot on which taxes are in arrears for at least 2 years;

[(2)](II) a building:

[(i)] 1. that is unoccupied by owner or tenant;

[(ii)] 2. that is unfit for habitation;

[(iii)] 3. that has deteriorated to the point where:

[1.] A. the building is structurally unsound; or

[2.] B. the cost of rehabilitation significantly exceeds the post rehabilitation market value; and

[(iv)] 4. regarding which the owner has been issued a violation notice from the City requiring the owner to:

[1.] A. rehabilitate the building to conform to minimum code habitability requirements; or

[2.] B. demolish the building for health and safety reasons;

[(3)](III) a vacant lot on which a building has been demolished; or