

Section 1-203(b)(8) and 1-203.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Real Property
Section 3-102(a) and 8-110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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 property” means:

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

(ii) a building:

1. that is unoccupied by owner or tenant;
2. that is unfit for habitation;
3. that has deteriorated to the point where:

A. the building is structurally unsound; or

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

4. regarding which the owner has been issued a violation notice from the City requiring the owner to:

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

B. demolish the building for health and safety reasons;

(iii) a vacant lot on which a building has been demolished; or

(iv) any building in a block of row houses where the block:

1. as a whole contains 70% abandoned property as defined under subparagraph (i), (ii), or (iii) of this paragraph; and