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**CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE TO REDUCE  
CITY'S GLUT OF VACANT HOUSES**

*Bill will also provide much-needed revenue for city and help close a record \$121 million  
shortfall.*

BALTIMORE, MD – City Council President Bernard C. “Jack” Young tonight will introduce an ordinance that will generate more than \$1 million in new revenue, and help the city close a record budget gap.

**The Non-Owner-Occupied Dwellings and Vacant Structures Bill** will for the first time allow Baltimore City to capture revenue from vacant property owners, whose dilapidated buildings serve as daily visible reminders of lost revenue.

“The time has come for the owners of these vacant and unsafe properties that litter our city to get their act together and do their part,” City Council President Young said. “They will no longer receive a free pass for the burden they have inflicted on our residents and our city’s overall image.”

The Council President’s proposal would require owners of vacant properties to register those buildings with the city and pay a registration fee. The bill would also impose late fees for owners who do not properly register their properties.

The Council President’s measure would require owners of vacant residential property to pay a \$100 registration fee. Owners of vacant commercial or industrial properties would be required to pay a registration fee of \$250. Owners of commercial or industrial vacant properties would face a \$500 fine for failure to properly register. Vacant multi-family buildings would face a \$500 fine for each unit for failing to properly register.

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