

Important Phone Numbers

- Housing Code Enforcement Headquarters:	410-396-4170
- Northeast District Office	410-545-7550
- Northwest District Office	410-396-7736
- Southeast District Office	410-545-6521
- Southwest District Office	410-545-1851
- Demolitions	410-396-3512
- Code Enforcement Legal Section	410-396-4140
- Multiple Family Dwelling License	410-396-3575
- Permits & Building Inspections	410-396-3470
- Permit Inquiries “One Stop Shop”	410-396-3360
- Property Registration	410-396-3575
- Vacant Lot Registration	410-396-3575

Commercial Property Requirements

Property Maintenance - The exterior of a structure must be maintained in good repair and in a structurally sound and sanitary condition.

Exterior Sanitary Maintenance – General (Environmental Citation Fine = \$100) - The exterior premises, including abutting sidewalks, gutters and alleys, must be kept in a clean, safe and sanitary condition.

Exterior Sanitary Maintenance – Trash, Garbage and Debris (Environmental Citation Fine = \$100) - All premises, including abutting sidewalks, gutters and alleys must be kept free of trash, garbage and debris.

Use of Property (Building Code Fine = \$500) A use permit is required before any building may be occupied or ANY change is made to the authorized use of any land or structure. Even changing ownership of the business requires a new use permit. The specific use must be identified on the permit.

Prohibited Uses – Vehicles (Zoning Fine = \$50) Indoor and outdoor storage or maintenance of abandoned, junked or derelict vehicles is prohibited in business districts. Derelict vehicles are those vehicles which exhibit a defect, damage or deterioration sufficient to preclude proper operation on a road.

Vacant Building - Buildings must be safe and fit for human habitation or other authorized use. If they are not, they must be vacated, cleaned, closed and boarded. The structure must be made fit for human habitation within 30 days. In the interim, building should be kept clean, closed and free of high grass and weeds. Building may not be reoccupied until the Building Official has issued an occupancy permit.

Signs - All signs, even temporary signs, require permits. The sign type (ie, freestanding or flat), size, location and zoning district all have a bearing on whether or not a sign is legal.

Permits - Work Without Permit (Building Code Environmental Citation = \$50) Work done or being done without a permit, outside the scope of a permit, or inconsistent with the approved permit, is not permitted. This includes erecting signs. Remove all work done without a proper permit. Secure proper permit before any work is started.

For exact language, consult the Baltimore City Code:
<http://cityservices.baltimorecity.gov/charterandcodes/>