

**CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK, v14 Updated 06-15-2009 / PART II
GENERAL LEGISLATION / Chapter 133, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION / Part 2,
Building Construction [Adopted 1-7-1991] / ARTICLE XIA, Vacant Building
Registry [Added 2-7-2000 by Ord. No. 51.82.98EN] / § 133-78.3. Vacant building
registration.**

I. Vacant building fees.

- (1) The owner of a vacant building shall pay an annual fee as set forth in Subsection I(2) for the period the building remains a vacant building. The fee shall be reasonably related to the administrative costs for registering and processing the vacant building owner registration form and for the costs of the City in monitoring and inspecting the vacant building site. [Amended 1-7-2008 by Ord. No. 65.72.07]
- (2) The first-year annual fee shall be \$250 and shall be paid no later than 30 days after the building becomes vacant. If the fee is not paid within 30 days of being due, the owner shall be subject to prosecution as prescribed in § 133-80. If a plan is extended beyond 365 days, subsequent annual fees shall be paid as follows: [Amended 1-7-2008 by Ord. No. 65.72.07]
 - (a) For the second year that the building remains vacant: \$500;
 - (b) For the third year that the building remains vacant: \$1,000;
 - (c) For the fourth year that the building remains vacant: \$1,500; and
 - (d) For the fifth, and each succeeding year, that the building remains vacant: \$2,000.
- (3) The fee shall be paid in full prior to the issuance of any building permits, with the exception of a demolition permit. The fee shall be prorated, and a refund may be issued if the building is no longer deemed vacant under the provisions of this article within 180 days of its registry.
- (4) All delinquent fees shall be paid by the owner prior to any transfer of an ownership interest in any vacant building. If the fees are not paid prior to any transfer, the new owner shall pay the annual fee no later than 30 days after the transfer of ownership, and subsequent annual fees shall be due on the new anniversary date.