

**CITY OF SALISBURY  
ORDINANCE NO. 2274**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY TO AMEND  
SUBSECTION 15.24.490 GENERAL DEFINITIONS OF THE PROPERTY  
MAINTENANCE CODE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY TO ADD A  
DEFINITION FOR BLIGHT.

WHEREAS, the ongoing application, administration and enforcement of Chapter 15.24 of the Salisbury Municipal Code, demonstrates a need for periodic review, evaluation and amendment; and

WHEREAS, there is no definition for blight in the current code; and

WHEREAS, the addition of the definition of blight will strengthen the enforcement mechanism that the Department of Neighborhood Services and Code Compliance currently has in place; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Neighborhood Services and Code Compliance does recommend approval of this proposed code change.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted and ordained by the City Council of the City of Salisbury, that Chapter 15.24 Housing Standards, Subsection 15.24.490 General Definitions of the Salisbury Municipal Code be amended to add the following definition:

**15.24.490 General Definitions**

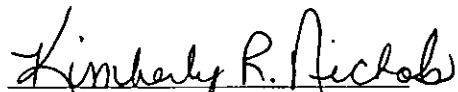
Blight. A condition that endangers the public health, safety or welfare; or any condition that is detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare because commercial, industrial, or residential structures or improvements are dilapidated, or deteriorated or

because such structures or improvements violate minimum health and safety laws or regulations. Blight shall include, but not be limited to, debris or other material which results from or is intended to be utilized in demolition or construction or that results from any other cause or for any purpose, which remains on any property not specifically zoned for the keeping of such debris or material for more than sixty (60) days without being utilized or removed. Blight shall not include construction materials stored at the site of an active construction project with a current and valid construction permit unless the presence of the materials violates minimum health and safety laws or regulations.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND, that the Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage.

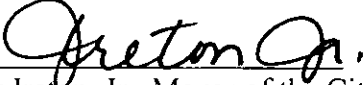
THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014 and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the ordinance having been published as required by law, in the meantime, was finally passed by the Council on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014.

ATTEST:

  
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Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk

  
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Jacob R. Day, City Council President

Approved by me, this  
10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

  
James Ireton, Jr., Mayor of the City of Salisbury

# Memo

**To:** Tom Stevenson  
**From:** Susan Phillips *SP*  
**Date:** December 19, 2013  
**Re:** Blight Definition

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Attached you will find the final draft of an ordinance adding the definition of blight to *15.24.490 Definitions of the Property Maintenance Code*. The addition of this definition will assist with the proper enforcement of blighted properties.

This draft has been to work session several times and has been recommended for a legislative meeting.

Unless you or the mayor has any questions please forward this information to the city council for review and consideration.