

**132.012 "Abandoned urban property" defined -- Classification as real property for tax purposes.**

As used in this section and in KRS 92.305 and 91.285, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Abandoned urban property" means any vacant structure or vacant or unimproved lot or parcel of ground in a predominantly developed urban area which has been vacant or unimproved for a period of at least one (1) year and which:
  - (a) Because it is dilapidated, unsanitary, unsafe, vermin infested, or otherwise dangerous to the safety of persons, it is unfit for its intended use;
  - (b) By reason of neglect or lack of maintenance has become a place for the accumulation of trash and debris, or has become infested with rodents or other vermin;
  - (c) Has been tax delinquent for a period of at least three (3) years;
  - (d) Has had a methamphetamine contamination notice posted as provided in KRS 224.1-410 for a period of at least ninety (90) days, and the owner has neither appealed the notice nor provided a certificate of decontamination during the ninety (90) days; or
  - (e) Is located within a development area established under KRS 65.7049, 65.7051, and 65.7053.
- (2) For purposes of local taxation in cities of any class or consolidated local governments, there shall be a classification of real property known as abandoned urban property. The legislative body of a city of any class, county containing a city of the first class, or consolidated local government may levy a rate of taxation on abandoned urban property higher than the prevailing rate of taxation on other real property in the city, county containing a city of the first class, or consolidated local government. The limitation upon tax rates established by KRS 132.027 shall not apply to the rate of taxation on abandoned urban property.

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