

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 26-0213
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Blanchard

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Dorsey, Gray, and Ramos

Introduced and read first time: July 13, 2026

Assigned to: Budget and Appropriations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Parking
Authority of Baltimore City

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Parking Tax – Special Fund for Fair Elections Surcharge**

3 FOR the purpose of imposing a surcharge on the City’s parking tax; directing the proceeds of the
4 surcharge to the special fund for fair elections; and repealing an obsolete moratorium.

5 BY authority of

6 Article I - General Provisions

7 Section 15(c)(3)

8 Baltimore City Charter

9 (1996 Edition)

10 BY authority of

11 Article II - General Powers

12 Section 40

13 Baltimore City Charter

14 (1996 Edition)

15 BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments,

16 Article 28 - Taxes

17 Section 22-3

18 Baltimore City Code

19 (Edition 2000)

20 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
21 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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Baltimore City Code

Article 28. Taxes

Division III. Other Taxes

Subtitle 22. Parking Tax

§ 22-3. Rate of tax.

(a) In general.

For all parking, whether on an hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, or longer basis, the tax is 20% of any fee or other consideration received, directly or indirectly, by the operator of the parking lot or garage or the facilitator, for or in connection with that parking.

[(b) Moratorium on increase.]

[Through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the rate of the tax imposed under this subtitle may not be modified to exceed the rate in effect for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.]

(B) FAIR ELECTIONS SURCHARGE.

(1) IN GENERAL.

FOR ALL PARKING, WHETHER ON AN HOURLY, DAILY, WEEKLY, MONTHLY, OR LONGER BASIS, THERE IS A SURCHARGE ADDED TO THE TAX ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) AMOUNT OF SURCHARGE.

THE SURCHARGE IS 0.5% OF ANY FEE OR OTHER CONSIDERATION RECEIVED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BY THE OPERATOR OF THE PARKING LOT OR GARAGE OR THE FACILITATOR, FOR OR IN CONNECTION WITH THAT PARKING.

(3) DIRECTION OF PROCEEDS.

REVENUE FROM THE SURCHARGE SHALL BE COLLECTED BY THE DIRECTOR AND PLACED IN THE FUND CREATED BY CITY CHARTER, ARTICLE I, § 15 {"SPECIAL FUND FOR FAIR ELECTIONS."}.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.