

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 21-0018**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Dorsey, Burnett, Cohen, Bullock, Glover, Torrence

Introduced and read first time: January 11, 2021

Assigned to: Public Safety and Government Operations Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: February 8, 2021

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Study and Report – Towing Dispatch Systems**

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2 FOR the purpose of requiring that Baltimore City Information and Technology, in consultation  
3 with certain other agencies, submit a report to the Mayor and City Council evaluating  
4 methods and systems of dispatching towing vehicles within Baltimore City; and providing for  
5 a special effective date.

6 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That:**

7 (a) No later than 60 days from the enactment of this Ordinance, Baltimore City  
8 Information and Technology, in consultation with the Baltimore Police Department,  
9 the Baltimore City Fire Department, Department of Transportation, the Department of  
10 General Services, and the Department of Public Works, shall submit a report to the  
11 Mayor and City Council setting forth a comprehensive evaluation of cost, feasibility,  
12 and the respective strengths and weaknesses of at least 3 different methods of  
13 dispatching towing vehicles.

14 (b) At least 1 of the dispatch methods evaluated in the report required by this Section  
15 shall include direct integration with the existing computer-aided dispatch system and  
16 utilized in the same manner as the Baltimore City Fire Department and the  
17 Department of Public Works currently use that same dispatch system. The other  
18 methods evaluated may rely primarily on third-party software.

19 (c) Any evaluation of the cost of a respective dispatch method shall account for the  
20 hardware and software required and propose a reasonable means to share the cost  
21 between the City and licensed towing companies.

22 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is**  
23 **enacted.**

**EXPLANATION:** CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by  
amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City