



**CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT**

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
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CC	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
DATE	October 3, 2025
SUBJECT	25-0095 • Commercial Motor Vehicle Repair on City Streets – Prohibition

Position: Favorable

BILL SYNOPSIS

Council Bill 25-0095 establishes violations and penalties for businesses and individuals who perform vehicle repairs on City right-of-way. The legislation would effectively ban "motor vehicle repair service" vendors from performing work on vehicles stored on City right-of-way and provide for specific fines aimed at the practice. Motor vehicle repair services include any businesses which perform maintenance, repair, or painting work on vehicles. The legislation provides exemptions for emergency repairs needed to restore a vehicle to safe operating conditions (such as replacing a blown tire).

BCDOT and peer agencies have historically struggled to combat the proliferation of businesses which exploit gaps in the City Code to conduct business on City right-of-way. While disruptive to communities, this practice is oftentimes legal under current law; this provides limited room for enforcement. As such, BCDOT considers this legislation a critical step in the right direction.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

The Department remains committed to working with the Sponsor and their peers to bring a permanent end to this disruptive business practice. This legislation is a critical step in resolving this pervasive quality of life issue. As such, BCDOT respectfully requests a favorable report on Council Bill 25-0095.