

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 14-0351
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Curran, President Young, Councilmembers Stokes, Holton,
Spector, Middleton, Cole, Mosby, Branch, Clarke, Scott, Henry

Introduced and read first time: March 24, 2014

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Police Department, Baltimore
Development Corporation, Baltimore City Parking Authority Board, Department of
Transportation, Department of Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Trespass Towing – Maximum Fee Per Tow**

3 FOR the purpose of setting the maximum fee that can be charged per tow by a trespass tow
4 operator; and generally relating to trespass towing.

5 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

6 Article 15 - Licensing and Regulation

7 Section(s) 22-8

8 Baltimore City Code

9 (Edition 2000)

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

12 **Baltimore City Code**

13 **Article 15. Licensing and Regulation**

14 **Subtitle 22. Towing Services – Trespass Towing**

15 **§ 22-8. Charges.**

16 (a) *Schedule to be filed.*

17 (1) Every person engaged in providing towing services shall, at the time of application for
18 a license, file with the Board a schedule setting forth the applicant's proposed charges
19 for towing and for any services incident to towing.

20 (2) The charges shall be stated clearly on the application for a towing services license
21 filed by the person engaged in the towing business.

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

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1 (b) *Permitted basis.*

2 The charges may be measured by mileage, time, and type of service or may be measured
3 on a flat fee basis.

4 (C) *MAXIMUM CHARGE.*

5 NO MATTER HOW CALCULATED, THE TOTAL CHARGES MAY NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF
6 \$250 PER TOW.

7 [(c)] (D) *Changes.*

8 These charges shall not be changed without filing with the Board an amended schedule
9 showing the charges proposed.

10 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
11 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
12 Ordinance.

13 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
14 after the date it is enacted.