

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 08-0256

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft, Curran
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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Ticket Sales – Public Carriers

FOR the purpose of repealing obsolete or otherwise unnecessary provisions prohibiting transactions involving certain tickets, reservations, or passenger accommodations issued by railroads or other public carriers.

BY repealing
Article 19 - Police Ordinances
Section(s) 55-3 and 55-4
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

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

Baltimore City Code

Article 19. Police Ordinances

Subtitle 55. Ticket Sales

[§ 55-3. Partially used nontransferable railroad tickets.

(a) *Prohibited trade.*

It shall be unlawful for any person, association of persons, firm, or corporation, except such person or persons as may be the regularly authorized agents of a railroad company maintaining offices within the City of Baltimore:

(1) to engage in the business of buying and selling the unused portions of nontransferable railroad tickets whose use is restricted to the original purchasers thereof from the railroad company issuing them;

(2) to act as vendor or broker of partially used nontransferable railroad tickets; or

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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1 (3) to solicit personally or by sign or by advertisement or in any other manner to aid
2 in the sale or purchase of partially used nontransferable railroad tickets within the
3 limits of the City of Baltimore.

4 (b) *Penalties.*

5 (1) Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a
6 misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not less than
7 \$10 nor more than \$50.

8 (2) Each transaction relating to any 1 ticket shall be deemed a separate offense and shall
9 be punishable accordingly.]

10 **[§ 55-4. Service charges for passenger accommodations.**

11 (a) *Prohibited charges.*

12 It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, or corporation to:

13 (1) require, charge, make, or receive, within the corporate limits of Baltimore City,
14 for the procurement on behalf of another, by purchase or otherwise, of any ticket,
15 reservation, or passenger accommodation, issued by any public carrier of
16 passengers a fee or service charge in excess of \$2; or

17 (2) to sell, resell, or cause to be resold, within the corporate limits of Baltimore City,
18 any ticket, reservation, or passenger accommodation, issued by any public carrier
19 of passengers at a price in excess of \$2 above the amount charged by the public
20 carrier issuing such ticket, reservation, or passenger accommodation.

21 (b) *Exception.*

22 The provisions of this section shall not apply to tickets, reservations, or passenger
23 accommodations to or from places outside of the continental United States and Canada,
24 excluding Alaska.

25 (c) *Penalties.*

26 Any person, partnership, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this section
27 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a
28 fine not exceeding \$100 or by imprisonment not exceeding 10 days, or both, for each
29 separate offense.]

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

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

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Certified as duly passed this _____ day of _____, 20__

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,
this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City