

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 05-0296  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Young, D’Adamo, Harris, Welch, Branch, Conaway,  
Rawlings Blake, Reisinger

Introduced and read first time: December 5, 2005

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Parking Fines – Penalties for Nonpayment**

3 FOR the purpose of setting a limit on the penalty imposed for nonpayment of a citation issued for  
4 certain parking, stopping, standing, and related offenses; and generally relating to fines,  
5 penalties, and procedures for certain offenses.

6 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

7 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

8 Section(s) 36-22

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

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

13 **Baltimore City Code**

14 **Article 31. Transit and Traffic**

15 **Subtitle 36. Parking, etc., Fines, Penalties, and Procedures**

16 **§ 36-22. Imposition of penalties.**

17 (a) *Notice to offender.*

18 If a person fails to pay the appropriate fine for a violation by the date specified in the  
19 citation and fails to file a notice of intention to stand trial for the offense, a formal notice  
20 of the violation shall be sent to the owner’s last known address.  
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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1 (b) *Penalties if not paid.*

2 (1) If, within 15 days from the date of the notice, the citation has not been satisfied, the  
3 person who received the citation is liable for a penalty EQUAL TO THE LESSER of:

4 (i) \$16 for each month or part of a month the citation remains unsatisfied; AND

5 (ii) 3 TIMES THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE IMPOSED FOR THE VIOLATION FOR WHICH  
6 THE CITATION WAS ISSUED.

7 (2) If the City has requested the State Motor Vehicle Administration to refuse registration  
8 or transfer of registration of the subject vehicle until the charge has been satisfied, a  
9 further penalty of \$25 is imposed.

10 (3) These penalties are in addition to and may be collected in the same manner as the  
11 fines imposed by this subtitle.

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

15 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
16 after the date it is enacted.