
CITY OF BALTIMORE

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100 Holliday Street, Room 415
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LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Honorable Ryan Dorsey
CHAIR

HEARING NOTES

26-0145

Commercial Vehicle Parking

Hearing Date: 3/19/2026

Hearing Start Time: 10:07 AM

Hearing End Time: :00 AM

Location: Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex

Total Estimated Attendance: 25

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTENTION
Final Vote:				

Committee Members in Attendance:

- **Chair** Ryan Dorsey
 - Mark Parker
 - **John Bullock**
 - **Vice Chair** Sharon Green Middleton
 - Paris Gray
 - Phylicia Porter
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MAJOR SPEAKERS

(This is NOT an attendance record.)

- **Cara Ashburn – BPD**
 - **Gabe S. Stuart-Sikowitz – DOF**
 - **Diseree Luckey – Law**
 - **Peter Little- PABC**
 - **Luciano Diaz – DOT**
 - **Isaah Griffeth – MOGR**
 - **Vanassa Freund - MOSMBAD**
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NOTES

- Chair Dorsey Opened the Hearing
- CM Dorsey made opening comments on the bill as the sponsor – VP Middleton took chair of the committee for the bill
- The floor was open to questions from the committee topics included:
 - Neighbor bought small buss and uses it as an office for their work – cheaper to pay for ticket than rent
 - CM Dorsey – this also happens with people living in vehicles and trailers – this gives us more enforcement ability to do with the commercial vehicles and trailers

- 12-person bus v 15-person van – this doesn't make the 12-person van a commercial vehicle?
 - Its currently a part of the code – the bill wouldn't make these part of the commercial vehicle list
- Buses – would be a commercial vehicle even if fewer than 15 passengers
 - Yes
- Ladder racks – are these used to distinguish between personal and commercial vehicles?
 - This might be a DPW thing – but not used in enforcement
- Advertising on trucks and trailers – what does this bill mean for them
 - Vehicle is exempted by its body type – even if it has an advertisement.
- Constituent with multiple trailers unhitched on the street – without tags
 - These would be illegal – the state says they need a tag
- The floor was open to bill reports
 - Law dept - Approve for form and sufficiency
 - Finance - Favorable
 - MOSMB – Favorable
 - BPD – Favorable
 - PABC – Favorable w/ amendments
 - DOT – Favorable
- The floor was open to Committee questions topics included
 - Does DOT have the capacity to 1. Ticket overnight 2. Capacity to tow overnight 3. How fast can we get this going?
 - We do have a process to remove vehicles without tags – need 48 hours
 - If it has tags, we can ticket – but no tag means we can't because we don't know who the owner is.
 - Anything in law that specifies which wheel needs to be chalked? Can we put it near the curb to make it more discreet?
 - * Requesting to have a policy for chalking to change to a more discrete location on the vehicle – 2 weeks*
 - *VP Middleton – request to have the constituent reached out to by MOSMBAD to change the behavior of their mobile office*
- Chair Dorsey – noted concerns with the bill on how it was phrased with the language of the fines.
 - CM Parker agrees
 - Fines need to be substantial enough to deter the behavior
 - VP Middleton – fines are not high enough – should be doubled
 - CM Dorsey – these fines are not in phase 1 of the study
 - Gabe – not sure but will follow up
 - *Can we get a list of what fines are in the study and where? *
 - Finance to follow up.
 - Middleton – Can we have those who get tickets for this referred to MOSMBAD to help get them connected and address behavior
 - *Dorsey – can DOT, DOF, & BPD connect with BCIT to program handheld devices so they can be ready to enforce* by next week

FURTHER STUDY REQUESTED

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- To have DOT make an internal change for chalking on abandoned vehicles to be done more discreetly so that the owners do not move solely to avoid ticketing
 - Request to have MOSMBAD reach out to constituents who park commercial vehicles improperly to help them find space for their vehicles
 - List of fines in the fines and fees study, noting particularly where parking fines are for commercial vehicles in that study
 - Request for agencies to work with BCIT to begin getting ready for handheld devices to be reprogrammed so they can begin updated enforcement as soon as this bill is enacted
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Hearing Packet in bill file? -----	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Attendance Sheet in bill file? -----	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Vote Record in bill file? -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Agency reports read? -----	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? -----	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the bill file? -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Evidence of notification to property owners in bill file? -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A

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