

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 15-0481**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft, Spector, Branch, Costello, Henry, Reisinger, Welch,  
Scott, President Young

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2015

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: March 23, 2015

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

1                                   **Transit and Traffic – Impeding Traffic by School Grounds**

2   FOR the purpose of increasing the fine, without requiring a prior warning, for vehicles that park,  
3    stop, or stand in a manner that obstructs or impedes the free flow of traffic by school grounds  
4    during certain hours; clarifying, correcting, and conforming related language; providing for a  
5    special effective date; and generally relating to the imposition of fines for obstructing or  
6    impeding the free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

7   BY adding

8     Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

9     Section(s) 36-4(3)

10    Baltimore City Code

11    (Edition 2000)

12   BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

13     Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

14     Section(s) 36-5(3)

15     Baltimore City Code

16     (Edition 2000)

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

19                                   **Baltimore City Code**

20                                   **Article 31. Transit and Traffic**

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

**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    **§ 36-4. \$250 fines.**

2           (3) PARKING, STOPPING, OR STANDING IN A MANNER THAT OBSTRUCTS OR IMPEDES THE FREE  
3           FLOW OF VEHICULAR OR PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ALONG A BLOCK FACE ABUTTING OR  
4           IMMEDIATELY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE GROUNDS OF A BUILDING USED AS A PUBLIC  
5           OR PRIVATE KINDERGARTEN, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, OR SECONDARY SCHOOL, ON ANY  
6           SCHOOL DAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7 A.M AND 9 A.M. OR BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2 P.M.  
7           AND ~~4 P.M.~~ 5 P.M., IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$250.

8    **§ 36-5. \$100 fines.**

9           (3) (i) Parking, stopping, or standing in [such] a manner [as to obstruct or impede] THAT  
10           OBSTRUCTS OR IMPEDES the free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic is punishable  
11           by a fine of \$100, subject to the requirements of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph  
12           (3).

13           (ii) (A) Except as provided in sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (ii), the  
14           Transportation Department may not issue a citation for this offense unless:

15                     1. [(1)] it first issues a written warning, ordering the obstruction or  
16                     impediment to be removed within 15 minutes of the warning; and

17                     2. [(2)] the [impediment or] obstruction OR IMPEDIMENT is not removed  
18                     within the specified time.

19           (B) This subparagraph (ii) does not apply, and a citation may be issued without a prior  
20           warning, on a street marked as a snow emergency route, at any time between the  
21           hours of 7 a.m and 9:30 a.m. or BETWEEN the hours of 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

22           (iii) This paragraph (3) does not apply to an obstruction or impediment:

23                     (A) within an intersection or a marked crosswalk or by a commercial vehicle, as  
24                     provided in § 36-4(2) of this subtitle; OR

25                     (B) ALONG A BLOCK FACE ABUTTING OR ACROSS FROM THE GROUNDS OF A SCHOOL, AS  
26                     PROVIDED IN § 36-4(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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

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

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Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City