

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 05-0296**

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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  
Committee Report: Favorable with amendments  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: November 20, 2006

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Parking Fines – Penalties for Nonpayment**

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

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments  
Article 31 - Transit and Traffic  
Section(s) 36-22  
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 31. Transit and Traffic**

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

**§ 36-22. Imposition of penalties.**

(a) *Notice to offender.*

If a person fails to pay the appropriate fine for a violation by the date specified in the citation and fails to file a notice of intention to stand trial for the offense, a formal notice of the violation shall be sent to the owner's last known address.

**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 (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 PERSON WHO RECEIVED THE CITATION AGREES TO A PAYMENT SCHEDULE  
8 ACCEPTABLE TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OR, IF THE MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED  
9 TO A COLLECTION AGENCY, ACCEPTABLE TO THAT AGENCY, THE MONTHLY PENALTY  
10 IMPOSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT ACCRUE WHILE THE  
11 PERSON IS MAKING TIMELY PAYMENTS IN ACCORD WITH THE AGREED-TO SCHEDULE.

12 (3) ~~(2)~~ If the City has requested the State Motor Vehicle Administration to refuse  
13 registration or transfer of registration of the subject vehicle until the charge has  
14 been satisfied, a further penalty of \$25 is imposed.

15 (4) ~~(3)~~ These penalties are in addition to and may be collected in the same manner as the  
16 fines imposed by this subtitle.

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

20 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
21 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 His 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