

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 05-0027

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, D'Adamo, Young, Kraft, Welch, Conaway
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Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments
Council action: Adopted
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AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Impoundment – Lawfully Parked Vehicles

FOR the purpose of extending an exception to the imposition of towing or storage fees to certain parked vehicles; authorizing an extension, for good cause shown, of the exception period; clarifying, correcting, and conforming certain language; and generally relating to the towing, impoundment, and storage of vehicles.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Section(s) 31-68
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 31. Clear Streets and Impoundment

Part 6. When Charges Not Imposed

§ 31-68. No violations under [impound regulations] SUBTITLE.

(a) *In general.*

[Where] IF a vehicle [has been] IS impounded and [no charges for violations which come under the impounding regulation have been lodged against the owner or operator of said vehicle] NEITHER THE OWNER NOR OPERATOR OF THE VEHICLE IS CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION THAT FALLS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS SUBTITLE, [neither towing nor storage

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 charges shall be collected] NO CHARGE MAY BE IMPOSED FOR TOWING OR STORAGE if,
2 [said] ~~THE vehicle is reclaimed within 48 hours~~ after every reasonable attempt HAS BEEN
3 MADE to notify the owner or [his] THE OWNER’S next of kin [has been made] that the
4 vehicle has been delivered to the storage area, THE VEHICLE IS RECLAIMED WITHIN 48
5 HOURS OR WITHIN ANY LONGER PERIOD THAT, FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, THE CHIEF OF
6 THE ABANDONED VEHICLES DIVISION APPROVES.

7 (b) *Exception.*

8 [This] SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS section [shall] DOES not apply to THE IMPOUNDMENT OF:

9 (1) A stolen [vehicles] VEHICLE[.];

10 (2) AN abandoned [vehicles] VEHICLE[.]; or

11 (3) A [vehicles] VEHICLE involved in [accidents] AN ACCIDENT, UNLESS THE VEHICLE
12 WAS LAWFULLY PARKED AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT.

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

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

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

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City