

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 09-0273
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Conaway, Welch, Branch
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Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee and Land Use and
Transportation Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Transportation, Baltimore City Parking Authority Board, Baltimore Development Corporation, Department of Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Loading Zones – Fee for Maintaining**

3 FOR the purpose of imposing an annual fee for establishing and maintaining passenger loading
4 zones and freight loading zones; and correcting, clarifying, and conforming related
5 provisions governing loading zones.

6 BY repealing

7 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
8 Section(s) 1-1(m) and 1-2(e)
9 Baltimore City Code
10 (Edition 2000)

11 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

12 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
13 Section(s) 6-16
14 Baltimore City Code
15 (Edition 2000)

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

18 **Baltimore City Code**

19 **Article 31. Transit and Traffic**

20 **Subtitle 1. Definitions; General Provisions**

21 **§ 1-1. Definitions — A to L.**

22 [(m) *Freight {curb} loading zone.*

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 “Freight {curb} loading zone” means a space adjacent to a curb reserved for the
2 exclusive use of commercial vehicles during the expeditious taking on or discharging of
3 property.]

4 **§ 1-2. Definitions — M to R.**

5 [(e) *Passenger {curb} loading zone.*

6 “Passenger {curb} loading zone” means a space adjacent to a curb reserved for the
7 exclusive use of vehicles taking on or discharging passengers or passengers’ baggage
8 transported upon the same vehicle.]

9 **Subtitle 6. Parking, Standing, and Stopping Regulations**

10 *Part 2. Places Prohibited*

11 **§ 6-16. Passenger and freight curb loading zones.**

12 (A) *DEFINITIONS.*

13 (1) *IN GENERAL.*

14 IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

15 (2) “*FREIGHT LOADING ZONE*”.

16 “FREIGHT LOADING ZONE” MEANS A SPACE ADJACENT TO A CURB THAT, DURING
17 SPECIFIED TIMES, IS RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE USE OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES
18 DURING THE EXPEDITIOUS LOADING OR UNLOADING OF PROPERTY.

19 (3) “*PASSENGER LOADING ZONE*”.

20 “PASSENGER LOADING ZONE” MEANS A SPACE ADJACENT TO A CURB THAT, DURING
21 SPECIFIED TIMES, IS RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE USE OF VEHICLES THAT ARE
22 LOADING OR UNLOADING PASSENGERS AND THEIR BAGGAGE.

23 (B) [(a) *Location*] *ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES; FEES; signs.*

24 (1) The Director of Public Works [:(1) is hereby authorized to] MAY determine the
25 location of AND OPERATIONAL HOURS FOR passenger LOADING ZONES and freight
26 [curb] loading zones[; and].

27 (2) ON PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEE, THE DIRECTOR shall place and maintain AT EACH
28 PASSENGER LOADING ZONE AND FREIGHT LOADING ZONE appropriate signs THAT:

29 (i) [indicating] INDICATE the location of [such zones] THE ZONE; and

30 (ii) [stating] STATE the OPERATIONAL hours during which the [following
31 provisions] RESTRICTIONS of this section [are applicable] APPLY.

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1 (3) THE ANNUAL FEE FOR ESTABLISHING A LOADING ZONE AND MAINTAINING THE
2 APPROPRIATE SIGNS IS \$1,000 FOR EACH PARKING SPACE OR PORTION OF A PARKING
3 SPACE THAT IS DISPLACED BY THE LOADING ZONE.

4 (C) [(b)] *PARKING RESTRICTIONS – Freight LOADING zones.*

5 (1) No person [shall be permitted to] MAY park a vehicle in [any place marked as] a
6 freight [curb] loading zone during ITS OPERATIONAL hours [when the provisions
7 applicable to such a zone are in effect].

8 (2) No [vehicle shall be permitted to] PERSON MAY stop A VEHICLE in a freight [curb]
9 loading zone DURING ITS OPERATIONAL HOURS unless:

10 (I) THE VEHICLE IS A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE actually in the process of
11 expeditiously loading or unloading [materials] PROPERTY[.]; OR

12 (II) [(3) Nothing in this section shall prohibit] THE VEHICLE IS a passenger vehicle
13 [from] stopping temporarily [at a place marked as a freight curb loading zone]
14 for the purpose of and while actually engaged in EXPEDITIOUSLY loading or
15 unloading passengers, [when such] AS LONG AS ITS stopping does not interfere
16 with any [motor] COMMERCIAL vehicle THAT IS [used for transportation of
17 materials which is] waiting to enter or about to enter [such] THAT zone.

18 (D) [(c)] *PARKING RESTRICTIONS – Passenger LOADING zones.*

19 No person [shall] MAY stop a vehicle in [the] A PASSENGER LOADING ZONE DURING ITS
20 OPERATIONAL HOURS for any purpose or period of time other than for the expeditious
21 loading or unloading of passengers AND THEIR BAGGAGE [at any place marked as a
22 passenger curb loading zone during hours when the regulations applicable to such curb
23 loading zones are effective, and then, only for a period not to exceed 10 minutes].

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

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