

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 09-0430
(First Reader)**

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Assigned to: Community Development Subcommittee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Baltimore
Development Corporation, Department of Transportation, Department of Finance, Commission
on Sustainability

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Transit and Traffic – Bike Lanes**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing the creation of bike lanes; defining certain terms; prohibiting
4 parking or standing in bike lanes; requiring bike-safe grates in bike lanes; imposing certain
5 penalties; and generally relating to bike lanes on City streets.

6 BY adding

7 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
8 Section(s) 20-1 to 20-8, to be under the new subtitle designation,
9 “Subtitle 20. Bike Lanes”
10 Baltimore City Code
11 (Edition 2000)

12 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

13 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
14 Section(s) 36-8
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 20. BIKE LANES**

22 **§ 20-1. DEFINITIONS.**

23 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

24 IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

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

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1 (B) *BIKE LANE*.

2 "BIKE LANE" MEANS A PORTION OF A CITY STREET DESIGNATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE
3 SINGLE DIRECTIONAL FLOW OF NON-MOTORIZED VEHICLES.

4 (C) *DIRECTOR*.

5 "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION.

6 **§ 20-2 RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

7 (A) *DOT TO ADOPT*.

8 THE DIRECTOR MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.

9 (B) *FILING WITH LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE*.

10 A COPY OF ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MUST BE FILED
11 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BEFORE THEY BECOME EFFECTIVE.

12 **§ 20-3. DESIGNATION OF BIKE LANES.**

13 THE DIRECTOR MAY DESIGNATE 4' TO 5' WIDE STRIPS ON CITY STREETS AS BIKE LANES.

14 **§ 20-5. MARKINGS.**

15 (A) *ON STREET*.

16 BIKE LANES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED ON THE STREET WITH 2 SOLID WHITE LINES AND A
17 BIKE SYMBOL.

18 (B) *SIGNAGE*.

19 (1) SIGNS MUST BE INSTALLED MARKING THE BEGINNING AND ENDING OF A BIKE LANE.

20 (2) SIGNS MAY BE INSTALLED TO INDICATE THE CONTINUATION OF A BIKE LANE.

21 (3) THESE SIGNS MUST:

22 (i) BE IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS
23 IMPLEMENTING THIS SUBTITLE; AND

24 (ii) INDICATE THAT PARKING OR STANDING IS PROHIBITED IN A BIKE LANE.

25 **§ 20-4. BIKE LANE PARKING RESTRICTIONS.**

26 NO MOTOR VEHICLE MAY PARK OR STAND IN AN AREA DESIGNATED AND MARKED AS A BIKE
27 LANE.

28 **§§ 20-6 TO 20-7. {RESERVED}**

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1 **§ 20-8. “BIKE-SAFE” GRATES REQUIRED.**

2 AFTER AN AREA HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A BIKE LANE BY THE DIRECTOR, ALL DRAINAGE
3 GRATES WITHIN THE BIKE LANE MUST BE PLACED SO THAT THE GAPS BETWEEN THE BARS ON
4 THE GRATES ARE PERPENDICULAR TO THE DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC.

5 **SUBTITLE 36. PARKING, ETC., FINES, PENALTIES, AND PROCEDURES**

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7 **§ 36-8. \$50 fines.**

- 8 (1) Parking on a Snow Emergency Route in violation of § 6-15 {“Snow emergency routes”}
9 of this article is punishable by a fine of \$50.
- 10 (2) Obstructing or impeding the movement of pedestrians is punishable by a fine of \$50.
- 11 (3) Standing within 15 feet of a fire plug or fire hydrant in violation of § 6-6(a) {“Engine
12 hydrants”} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$50.
- 13 (4) Stopping in front of or opposite a fire engine house in violation of § 6-6(c) {“Engine
14 houses”} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$50.
- 15 (5) Stopping or parking in a transit stop is punishable by a fine of \$50.
- 16 (6) Parking or standing a noncommercial vehicle of more than 20,000 pounds gross weight
17 or a commercial vehicle of 20,000 pounds or less gross weight in violation of § 6-26(c)
18 {“Nighttime hours”} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$50.
- 19 (7) PARKING OR STANDING IN A BIKE LANE IN VIOLATION OF § 20-4 {“BIKE LANE PARKING
20 RESTRICTIONS”} OF THIS ARTICLE IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$50.

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

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