

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 09-0431
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Henry, Middleton, Kraft, Young, Holton, Spector,
Conaway, Cole, Curran, Branch, D'Adamo

Introduced and read first time: December 10, 2009

Assigned to: Community Development Subcommittee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Public Works,
Department of Transportation, Department of Finance, Commission on Sustainability

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **City Streets – Bike-Safe Grates**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that all City street paving and repaving contracts require that
4 drainage grates be installed in a bike-safe alignment; requiring anyone undertaking a street
5 paving project to install drainage grates in a bike-safe alignment; and generally relating to
6 bike-safe grates on City streets.

7 BY adding

8 Article 26 - Surveys, Streets, and Highways

9 Section(s) 18-11

10 Baltimore City Code

11 (Edition 2000)

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

14 **Baltimore City Code**

15 **Article 26. Surveys, Streets, and Highways**

16 **Subtitle 18. Grades, Grading, and Paving**

17 **§ 18-11. “BIKE-SAFE” GRATES REQUIRED.**

18 (A) *CITY CONTRACTS*

19 NO CONTRACTS MAY BE MADE BY THE CITY FOR PAVING OR REPAVING ANY STREET,
20 AVENUE, LANE, OR ALLEY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS UNLESS THE CONTRACT REQUIRES
21 THAT ALL DRAINAGE GRATES IN THE AFFECTED AREA BE PLACED SO THAT THE GAPS
22 BETWEEN THE BARS ON THE GRATES ARE PERPENDICULAR TO THE DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC.

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

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1 (B) *GENERAL PAVING*

2 NO PAVING PROJECT MAY BE PERMITTED ON ANY STREET, AVENUE, LANE, OR ALLEY
3 WITHIN THE CITY UNLESS THE PERSON UNDERTAKING THE PROJECT ENSURES THAT ALL
4 DRAINAGE GRATES IN THE AFFECTED AREA ARE PLACED SO THAT THE GAPS BETWEEN THE
5 BARS ON THE GRATES ARE PERPENDICULAR TO THE DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC.

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

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