

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 09-0432
(First Reader)**

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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Commission, Department of
Transportation, Police Department, Fire Department

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Parking, Standing, and Stopping of Vehicles – Obstructing Alleys**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying the law relating to obstructing the free passage of traffic with a
4 vehicle; providing a certain exception for parking in alleys; and generally relating to parking,
5 standing, or stopping that obstructs traffic.

6 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

7 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

8 Section(s) 6-3

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

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

13 **Baltimore City Code**

14 **Article 31. Transit and Traffic**

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

16 ***Part 1. Method of Parking***

17 **§ 6-3. Obstructing free passage.**

18 (A) *2-WAY STREETS.*

19 [No] ON A 2-WAY STREET, NO vehicle [shall] MAY be [so] parked, LEFT STANDING, or
20 otherwise stopped SO as to prevent the free passage of other vehicles or street cars [in
21 both directions at the same time].

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

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1 (B) *1-WAY STREETS.*

2 ON A 1-WAY STREET, NO VEHICLE MAY BE PARKED, LEFT STANDING, OR OTHERWISE
3 STOPPED SO AS TO PREVENT THE FREE PASSAGE OF OTHER VEHICLES OR STREET CARS IN
4 THE 1-WAY TRAVEL LANE.

5 (C) *EXCEPTION FOR ALLEYS.*

6 A VEHICLE PARKED, STANDING, OR STOPPED IN AN ALLEY IS NOT OBSTRUCTING FREE
7 PASSAGE THROUGH THE ALLEY, AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO A FINE OR IMPOUNDMENT, IF IT IS
8 PARKED, STANDING, OR STOPPED SO THAT IT LEAVES A 10-FOOT WIDE OR WIDER TRAVEL
9 LANE THROUGH THE ALLEY FOR ANOTHER VEHICLE.

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

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