

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 14-0370**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Curran, Clarke, Henry, Scott, Holton, Branch, Kraft, Middleton,  
Reisinger, Spector, Mosby  
Introduced and read first time: April 28, 2014  
Assigned to: Health Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: May 5, 2014

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Animal Control – Impounding Public Nuisance Animals**

FOR the purpose of allowing for the impoundment of any animal reasonably believed to be a public nuisance animal; and generally relating to the impoundment of animals.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article - Health  
Section(s) 10-801  
Baltimore City Revised 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 Revised Code**

**Article – Health**

**Title 10. Animal Control and Protection**

***Subtitle 8. Impoundment***

**§ 10-801. Authority to impound.**

An animal enforcement officer, police officer, humane officer, or other person authorized and contracting with the City to do so may impound any animal:

- (1) found at large;
- (2) whose owner or custodian does not have the required license or permit for the animal;
- (3) that is found without a license tag required by this title;

**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 (4) that poses a threat to public health, safety, or welfare;
- 2 (5) reasonably believed to be a dangerous or vicious animal;
- 3 (6) placed at risk by its health or environment;
- 4 (7) that is abandoned;
- 5 (8) that is prohibited in the City;
- 6 (9) [that is] REASONABLY BELIEVED TO BE a public nuisance animal;
- 7 (10) whose owner or custodian is in violation of this title; or
- 8 (11) whose owner or custodian is in violation of any other animal control or protection
- 9 law, rule, or regulation of this City or State.

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 30<sup>th</sup> day  
 14 after the date it is enacted.

Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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 President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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 Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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 Mayor, Baltimore City