

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 09-0353  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Henry, Branch, Kraft, Clarke, Curran, Young, Conaway

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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Police Department, Department of Transportation, Baltimore City Parking Authority Board

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Commercial Vehicles – Stopping by Residence**

3 FOR the purpose of qualifying an exception to the prohibition against commercial vehicles being  
4 left parked, standing, or stopped near residences; requiring a certain notice and providing for  
5 verification before issuing a citation; and generally relating to parking, standing, and  
6 stopping regulations.

7 BY repealing and reordaining, without amendments

8 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

9 Section(s) 1-1(f)

10 Baltimore City Code

11 (Edition 2000)

12 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

13 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

14 Section(s) 6-26

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 1. Definitions; General Provisions**

22 **§ 1-1. Definitions — A to L.**

23 (f) *Commercial vehicle.*

24 “Commercial vehicle” means:

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

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- 1 (1) every vehicle designed, maintained, and used primarily for the transportation  
2 and/or hauling of property, including but not limited to equipment, merchandise,  
3 parcels, earth, trash, refuse, scrap, or motor vehicles;
- 4 (2) every vehicle, except a passenger car, which has commercial advertising on the  
5 exterior of the body or on equipment attached thereto;
- 6 (3) every vehicle having a maximum gross vehicle weight of 7,000 pounds or more or  
7 a manufacturer's rated capacity of ¾-ton or more; and
- 8 (4) every vehicle that is designed to carry more than 10 passengers and is used to  
9 carry people.

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

**§ 6-26. Commercial vehicles.**

(a) *“Commercial vehicle” limited.*

In this section, “commercial vehicle” does not include a vehicle that:

- 14 (1) has a maximum gross vehicle weight of less than 7,000 pounds or a  
15 manufacturer's rated capacity of ¾ -ton;
- 16 (2) has no commercial advertising on the exterior of the body or on any attached  
17 equipment compartments, or apparatus;
- 18 (3) is not visibly loaded with supplies or equipment; and
- 19 (4) is designed to carry 10 or fewer passengers.

(b) *Stopping by residence.*

- 21 (1) Except as otherwise specified in this section, no vehicle that exceeds 20,000 pounds  
22 gross vehicle weight and no commercial vehicle may park, stand, or stop longer than  
23 1 hour continuously on any street, lane, or alley in front of or adjacent to any property  
24 used or intended to be used as a residence.
- 25 (2) (i) This subsection does not apply to a commercial vehicle that:

(A) is parked for the purpose of doing any public or private work for or on  
27 behalf of any person located within a [radius] DISTANCE of 1 block from  
28 the property used or intended to be used as a residence; AND

(B) CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAYS A NOTICE THAT STATES:

- 30 1. THE ADDRESS OF THE PLACE AT WHICH THE WORK IS BEING DONE;  
31 AND
- 32 2. A TELEPHONE NUMBER AT WHICH THE PERSON HAVING THE WORK  
33 DONE CAN BE REACHED FOR VERIFICATION.

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1 (II) IF A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DISPLAYS THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (2)(I)  
2 OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CITATION MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION  
3 UNLESS THE PERSON ISSUING THE CITATION HAS ATTEMPTED TO VERIFY THE  
4 INFORMATION GIVEN AND WAS UNABLE TO DO SO.

5 (c) *Nighttime hours.*

6 Except as otherwise specified in this section, no vehicle that exceeds 20,000 pounds  
7 gross vehicle weight and no commercial vehicle may park, stand, or stop longer than 1  
8 hour continuously between the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. on any street, lane, or alley of  
9 the City.

10 (d) *Exceptions.*

11 This section does not apply to:

- 12 (1) vehicles of the Police Department or the Fire Department; or  
13 (2) emergency vehicles belonging to the City or to any public utility.

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

17 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
18 after the date it is enacted.