

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 08-0251**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft, D’Adamo, Curran  
Introduced and read first time: December 4, 2008  
Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: March 2, 2009

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Parades – Permit Requirements**

FOR the purpose of increasing the penalty for parading without permit; repealing certain obsolete or otherwise unnecessary provisions relating to parades by political organizations and to parades of drum corps, bands, or other bodies; providing for the issuance of these permits by the Department of General Services and authorizing the adoption of rules and regulations for that purpose; and providing for a special effective date.

BY repealing

Article 19 - Police Ordinances  
Section(s) 50-31 and 50-33  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

BY renumbering, with amendments

Article 19 - Police Ordinances  
Section(s) 50-32  
to be  
Section(s) 50-31  
Baltimore City 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 Code**

**Article 19. Police Ordinances**

**Subtitle 50. Street Regulations**

***Part 5. Parades***

**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 **[§ 50-31. Political organizations.**

2 (a) *Permit required.*

3 It shall not be lawful for any political organization to parade through the streets of the  
4 City without first obtaining a permit from the Mayor.

5 (b) *Issuance.*

6 And the Mayor shall at his discretion issue said permit to any and all political  
7 organizations applying for the same.

8 (c) *Conditions of permit.*

9 (1) Provided permits are not issued to political organizations of different political parties  
10 to parade on the same day or night.

11 (2) And provided also that it shall not be lawful for any organization, after having  
12 obtained said permit, to carry transparencies or other devices having painted or in any  
13 other manner exhibited thereon any writing or inscription except the names of the  
14 candidates and the names of ward organizations.

15 (d) *Penalties.*

16 Any person or persons violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of  
17 misdemeanor and liable to a penalty of not less than \$5 nor more than \$25.]

18 **§ 50-31. [§ 50-32. Other organizations.] PERMIT REQUIRED.**

19 (a) [*Permit required*] *IN GENERAL.*

20 It [shall not be lawful] IS UNLAWFUL for any organization or persons to parade through  
21 the streets of the City [of Baltimore] without first obtaining a permit TO DO SO from the  
22 [Mayor,] DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES.

23 (B) *SPECIFICATIONS.*

24 [stating] THE PERMIT SHALL SPECIFY the streets through which, and the hours within  
25 which, the parade is to pass.

26 (C) [(b)] *Notice.*

27 Before a permit is granted, the [Mayor] DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES shall make  
28 reasonable efforts to notify the local community and business groups, as listed in the  
29 Community Association Directory published by the Department of Planning, [who may]  
30 THAT MIGHT be affected by the proposed parade.

31 (D) *RULES AND REGULATIONS.*

32 (1) THE DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO  
33 CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

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1 (2) A COPY OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT  
2 OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BEFORE THEY TAKE EFFECT.

3 (E) [(c)] *Penalties.*

4 Any person [or persons violating the provisions of] WHO VIOLATES this section [shall be]  
5 IS guilty of a misdemeanor and, ON CONVICTION, [liable to pay a penalty] SUBJECT TO A  
6 FINE OF not [less than \$1 nor] more than [\$5] \$500 OR TO IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE  
7 THAN 60 DAYS OR TO BOTH FINE AND IMPRISONMENT FOR EACH OFFENSE.

8 **[§ 50-33. Bands and drum corps.**

9 (a) *Permit required for certain hours.*

10 There shall be no parade of drum corps, bands, or other bodies blowing horns and beating  
11 drums through the streets between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., unless said band, drum  
12 corps, or other bodies shall, prior to every such parade, obtain a permit in writing therefor  
13 from the Mayor of the City.

14 (b) *Collecting money prohibited.*

15 And it shall be unlawful for any band of music or drum corps to play upon the streets and  
16 collect money for the same from the passersby or residents along the line of said streets.

17 (c) *Penalties.*

18 Each and every person violating the provisions of this section shall forfeit and pay a fine  
19 of \$10, to be collected as other fines are now collected.]

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

23 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on July 1,  
24 2009.

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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