

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 10-0604

Introduced by: Councilmembers Cole, Kraft, Middleton, Branch, D’Adamo, Holton, Welch,
Conaway, President Young, Councilmembers Curran, Reisinger
Introduced and read first time: October 4, 2010
Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: December 6, 2010

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Transit and Traffic – Obstructing or Impeding Traffic

FOR the purpose of ~~modifying the fine imposed~~ differentiating certain fines for obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic; requiring a warning in certain circumstances; and generally relating to the regulation of traffic and the parking, standing, and stopping of vehicles.

BY repealing and reordaining
Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Section(s) 36-4 and 36-5
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 31. Transit and Traffic

Subtitle 36. Parking, etc., Fines, Penalties, and Procedures

§ 36-4. \$250 fines.

{(1)} Parking or standing a noncommercial vehicle of more than 20,000 pounds gross weight or a commercial vehicle of 20,000 pounds or less gross vehicle weight in violation of § 6-26(b) {"Stopping by residence"} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$250.

{(2) Obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic WITHIN AN INTERSECTION OR A MARKED CROSSWALK OR BY A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE is punishable by a fine of \$250.}

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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§ 36-5. \$100 fines.

(1) Parking, stopping, or standing in violation of posted restrictions for the Pimlico Race Track Area is punishable by a fine of \$100.

(2) Parking, stopping, or standing in violation of posted restrictions in any Residential Permit Parking Program Area within the Camden Yards Stadium Complex Area, at any time between 1 hour before the advertised start of a stadium event and 1 hour after the event ends, is punishable by a fine of \$100.

~~(3) OBSTRUCTING OR IMPEDING THE FREE FLOW OF TRAFFIC IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$100.~~

(3) (I) PARKING, STOPPING, OR STANDING IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO OBSTRUCT OR IMPEDE THE FREE FLOW OF VEHICULAR OR PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$100, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (3).

(II) (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II), THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ISSUE A CITATION FOR THIS OFFENSE UNLESS:

(1) IT FIRST ISSUES A WRITTEN WARNING, ORDERING THE OBSTRUCTION OR IMPEDIMENT TO BE REMOVED WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF THE WARNING; AND

(2) THE IMPEDIMENT OR OBSTRUCTION IS NOT REMOVED WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TIME.

(B) THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II) DOES NOT APPLY, AND A CITATION MAY BE ISSUED WITHOUT A PRIOR WARNING, ON A STREET MARKED AS A SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE AT ANY TIME BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7 A.M AND 9:30 A.M. OR THE HOURS OF 4 P.M. AND 6 P.M.

(III) THIS PARAGRAPH (3) DOES NOT APPLY TO AN OBSTRUCTION OR IMPEDIMENT WITHIN AN INTERSECTION OR A MARKED CROSSWALK OR BY A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE, AS PROVIDED IN § 36-4(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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

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

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Certified as duly passed this _____ day of _____, 20__

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,
this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City