

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 14-0158R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Curran, President Young, Councilmembers Scott, Stokes,
Holton, Spector, Cole, Branch, Middleton, Clarke, Kraft, Henry, Reisinger

Introduced and read first time: March 24, 2014

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Board of Licenses for Towing Services, Department of
Transportation

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Establishing a Uniform List of Towable Parking Violations in Private Parking Lots**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting that representatives from the Department of Transportation and the
4 Board of Licenses for Towing Services come before the Council to present guidelines for the
5 practice of Trespass Towing and to begin discussions about what parking violations on
6 private property towing is an appropriate remedy for.

7 **Recitals**

8 **WHEREAS**, The Board of Licenses for Towing Services has the authority to regulate the
9 conduct of towing companies operating in Baltimore City.

10 **WHEREAS**, The Department of Transportation plays a significant role in parking regulation in
11 Baltimore City.

12 **WHEREAS**, Currently there is no posted delineation of parking offenses in private lots that the
13 vehicle owner must abide by to prevent a tow.

14 **WHEREAS**, Posting agreed-upon parking guidelines would allow both vehicle owners and
15 tow-truck operators to better understand what is prohibited when parking on a private property.

16 **WHEREAS**, The Board of Licenses for Towing Services and the Department of
17 Transportation are the City agencies best positioned to create a list of parking violations on
18 private property that towing is an appropriate remedy for.

19 **WHEREAS**, If a uniform set of parking violations on private property that towing is an
20 appropriate remedy for can be established, the public and tow-truck operators could be informed
21 of these offenses through posting at private parking lots and clear expectations could be
22 established.

23 **WHEREAS**, The City Council, as the elected representatives of Baltimore's citizens, should
24 be involved in the process of establishing a definitive list of parking violations on private
25 property that towing is an appropriate remedy for.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the
2 Council requests that representatives from the Department of Transportation and the Board of
3 Licenses for Towing Services come before it to present guidelines for the practice of Trespass
4 Towing and to begin discussions about what parking violations on private property towing is an
5 appropriate remedy for.

6 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
7 Director of Transportation, the Chair of the Board of Licenses for Towing Services, and the
8 Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.