

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 26-0145

Introduced by: Councilmember Dorsey
Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Middleton, Gray, Bullock, Blanchard, Porter, Glover,
Ramos, Conway, and President Cohen
Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2026
Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee
Committee Report: Favorable, with Amendments
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: April 6, 2026

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Commercial Vehicle Parking

FOR the purpose of amending the definition of “commercial vehicle”; prohibiting commercial vehicles from standing, stopping, or parking on City streets under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to commercial vehicles in the City.

BY repealing and re-ordinating, with amendments
Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Section 1-1(f)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

BY renumbering
Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Sections 1-3(k) to 1-3(q)
to be
Sections 1-3(l) to 1-3(r)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

BY adding
Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Section 1-3(k)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

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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BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments
Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Sections 6-26, 36-2(1), ~~36-4(1)~~, and ~~36-6(6)~~ and 36-4(1)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

BY repealing
Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
~~Section 6-27~~ Sections 6-27 and 36-6(6)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That Sections 1-3(k) through (q), respectively, of Article 31 - Transportation of the Baltimore City Code be renumbered to be Sections 1-3(l) through (q), respectively.

SECTION 2. BE IT ALSO ORDAINED, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Code

Article 31. Transit and Traffic

Subtitle 1. Definitions; General Provisions

§ 1-1. Definitions – A to L.

(f) *Commercial Vehicle.*

(1) IN GENERAL.

“Commercial vehicle” means:

(I) ~~(1)~~ [every] EACH MOTORIZED vehicle designed, maintained, and used primarily for the transportation or hauling of property, including but not limited to equipment, merchandise, parcels, earth, trash, refuse, scrap, or motor vehicles;

(II) ~~(2)~~ [every] EACH MOTORIZED vehicle, except a passenger car [(as defined in Maryland Vehicle Law § 11-144.1),] AS DEFINED IN STATE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE § 11-144.2 {“PASSENGER CAR”}, that has commercial advertising on the exterior of the vehicle or on equipment attached to the vehicle;

(III) ~~(3)~~ [every] EACH vehicle [that has a maximum gross vehicle weight of 7,000 pounds or more or a manufacturer’s rated capacity of ¾-ton or more; and] OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CLASS 3 OR HIGHER;

(IV) ~~(4)~~ [every] EACH vehicle that is designed to carry more than 15 [passengers and is used to carry people.] PASSENGERS; AND

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(V) ~~(S)~~ EACH TRAILER, AS DEFINED IN § 1-3(K) OF THIS ARTICLE, OR EACH VEHICLE THAT HAS A TRAILER ATTACHED.

(2) EXCLUSION.

“COMMERCIAL VEHICLE” DOES NOT INCLUDE A VEHICLE TO WHICH A TRAILER HAS BEEN ATTACHED, IF THE VEHICLE:

(I) HAS BEEN ASSIGNED A SPECIAL DISABILITY REGISTRATION NUMBER AND SPECIAL DISABILITY REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER § 13-616 {“SPECIAL DISABILITY REGISTRATION NUMBER AND PLATES”} OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE;

(II) DISPLAYS A PARKING PLACARD ISSUED UNDER § 13-616.1 {“PARKING PLACARDS”} OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; OR

(III) DISPLAYS A TEMPORARY PARKING PLACARD ISSUED UNDER § 13-616.2 {“TEMPORARY PARKING PLACARDS”} OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

§ 1-3. Definitions – S to Z.

(K) *TRAILER.*

“TRAILER” MEANS A VEHICLE THAT:

- (1) HAS NO MOTIVE POWER;
- (2) IS DESIGNED TO CARRY PEOPLE OR PROPERTY;
- (3) IS DESIGNED TO BE TOWED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE; AND
- (4) IS CONSTRUCTED SO THAT NO PART OF ITS WEIGHT RESTS ON THE TOWING VEHICLE.

Subtitle 6. Parking, Standing, and Stopping Regulations

Part 5. Commercial Vehicles and Trailers

§ 6-26. Commercial vehicles.

(a) *Stopping by residence.*

- (1) Except as otherwise specified in this section, no vehicle [with a maximum gross vehicle weight of more than 20,000 pounds] OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CLASS 6 OR HIGHER and no commercial vehicle may park, stand, or stop longer than 1 hour continuously on any street, lane, or alley in front of or adjacent to any property used or intended to be used as a residence.

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(2) This subsection does not apply to a commercial vehicle that is parked for the purpose of doing any public or private work for or on behalf of any person located within a radius of 1 block from the property used or intended to be used as a residence.

(b) *Nighttime hours.*

Except as otherwise specified in this section, [no vehicle with a maximum gross vehicle weight of more than 20,000 pounds and] no commercial vehicle may park, stand, or stop [longer than 1 hour continuously] ~~FOR ANY PURPOSE OR PERIOD OF TIME~~ between the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. on any street, lane, or alley of the City.

(c) *Exceptions.*

This section does not apply to:

(1) vehicles of the Police Department or the Fire Department; [or]

(2) emergency vehicles belonging to:

(i) the City;

(ii) any public utility; or

(iii) any volunteer ambulance service;

(3) private passenger vehicles, including automobiles, minivans, passenger vans, station wagons, and sport utility [vehicles;] VEHICLES UNLESS THERE IS A TRAILER ATTACHED;

(4) pickup [trucks; or] TRUCKS, UNLESS THE PICKUP TRUCK HAS A TRAILER ATTACHED;

(5) panel-body delivery trucks with less than 1,500 pounds (3/4 of a ton) manufacturer's rating [capacity.] CAPACITY, UNLESS THE PANEL-BODY DELIVERY TRUCK HAS A TRAILER ATTACHED; OR

(6) A ~~DETACHED TRAILER~~ VEHICLE ENGAGED IN LOADING AS DEFINED IN § 1-1(Q) OF THIS ARTICLE.

§ 6-27. [Commercial trailers.] {RESERVED.}

[(a) "Commercial trailer" defined.]

[In this section, "commercial trailer" means a vehicle that:]

[(1) is a trailer;]

[(2) has no motive power;]

[(3) is designed to be towed by a motor vehicle; and]

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1 [(4) is designed for the transportation of property.]

2 [(b) *Prohibited conduct.*]

3 [Except as otherwise specified in this section, a person may not park, stand, or stop a
4 detached commercial trailer on any public street or highway in the City, except when the
5 vehicle is being expeditiously loaded or unloaded.]

6 [(c) *Exceptions.*]

7 [This section does not apply to:]

8 [(1) authorized emergency vehicles;]

9 [(2) vehicles owned or operated by the City; or]

10 [(3) vehicles owned or operated by a public service company, as defined in State
11 Public Utility Companies Article, § 1-101 of the Maryland Code, while engaged
12 in construction or repair services associated with supplying necessary service to
13 its customers.]

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

15 **§ 36-2. \$500 fines.**

16 ~~(1) Parking or standing a commercial vehicle [with a maximum gross vehicle weight of more~~
17 ~~than 20,000 pounds] OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CLASS 6 OR HIGHER in~~
18 ~~violation of § [6-26(b)] 6-26(A) {"Stopping by residence"} or of § [6-26(e)] 6-26(B)~~
19 ~~{"Nighttime hours"} of this [article] ARTICLE is punishable by a fine of \$500.~~

20 (1) PARKING OR STANDING A VEHICLE CLASSIFIED BY THE FEDERAL
21 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AS CLASS 6 OR HIGHER, IN VIOLATION OF § 6-26(A)
22 {"STOPPING BY RESIDENCE"} OR OF § 6-26(B) {"NIGHTTIME HOURS"} OF THIS ARTICLE, IS
23 PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$500.

24 **§ 36-4. \$250 fines.**

25 ~~(1) Parking or standing a noncommercial vehicle of [more than 20,000 pounds gross weight]~~
26 ~~FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CLASS 6 OR HIGHER or a commercial vehicle of~~
27 ~~[20,000 pounds or less gross vehicle weight] FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION~~
28 ~~CLASS 5 OR LOWER in violation of § [6-26(b)] 6-26(A) {"Stopping by residence"} of this~~
29 ~~[article] ARTICLE is punishable by a fine of \$250.~~

30 (1) PARKING OR STANDING A VEHICLE OTHER THAN A VEHICLE INCLUDED IN THE PROVISIONS
31 OF § 36-2(1) OF THIS ARTICLE, IN VIOLATION OF § 6-26(A) {"STOPPING BY RESIDENCE"}
32 OR OF § 6-26(B) {"NIGHTTIME HOURS"} OF THIS ARTICLE, IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF
33 \$250.

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§ 36-6. \$75 fines.

~~(6) Parking or standing a noncommercial vehicle of [more than 20,000 pounds gross weight]
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CLASS 6 OR HIGHER or a commercial vehicle of
[20,000 pounds or less gross vehicle weight] FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
CLASS 5 OR LOWER in violation of § [6-26(c)] 6-26(B) {"Nighttime hours"} of this
[article] ARTICLE is punishable by a fine of \$75.~~

[(6) 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 weight in violation of
§ 6-26(c) {"Nighttime hours"} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$75.]

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 27th day of April, 2026



President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 28th day of April, 2026



Chief Clerk

Approved this 31st day of May, 2026



Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for Form and Legal Sufficiency,

this 28th day of April, 2026



Chief Solicitor