

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 26-0145
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Dorsey

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Middleton, Gray, Bullock, Blanchard, Porter, Glover,
Ramos, Conway, and President Cohen

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Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Department of
Transportation, Baltimore Police Department, Mayor's Office of Small and Minority Business
Advocacy and Development

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 style="text-align:center">**Commercial Vehicle Parking**

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

6 BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments

7 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

8 Section 1-1(f)

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

11 BY renumbering

12 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

13 Sections 1-3(k) to 1-3(q)

14 to be

15 Sections 1-3(l) to 1-3(r)

16 Baltimore City Code

17 (Edition 2000)

18 BY adding

19 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

20 Section 1-3(k)

21 Baltimore City Code

22 (Edition 2000)

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

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

6 BY repealing
7 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
8 Section 6-27
9 Baltimore City Code
10 (Edition 2000)

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

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

15 **Baltimore City Code**

16 **Article 31. Transit and Traffic**

17 **Subtitle 1. Definitions; General Provisions**

18 **§ 1-1. Definitions – A to L.**

19 (f) *Commercial Vehicle.*

20 “Commercial vehicle” means:

- 21 (1) [every] EACH MOTORIZED vehicle designed, maintained, and used primarily for the
22 transportation or hauling of property, including but not limited to equipment,
23 merchandise, parcels, earth, trash, refuse, scrap, or motor vehicles;
- 24 (2) [every] EACH MOTORIZED vehicle, except a passenger car [(as defined in Maryland
25 Vehicle Law § 11-144.1),] AS DEFINED IN STATE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE
26 § 11-144.2 {“PASSENGER CAR”}, that has commercial advertising on the exterior
27 of the vehicle or on equipment attached to the vehicle;
- 28 (3) [every] EACH vehicle [that has a maximum gross vehicle weight of 7,000 pounds
29 or more or a manufacturer’s rated capacity of ¾-ton or more; and] OF FEDERAL
30 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CLASS 3 OR HIGHER;
- 31 (4) [every] EACH vehicle that is designed to carry more than 15 [passengers and is
32 used to carry people.] PASSENGERS; AND
- 33 (5) EACH TRAILER, AS DEFINED IN § 1-3(K) OF THIS ARTICLE, OR EACH VEHICLE THAT
34 HAS A TRAILER ATTACHED.

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§ 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. 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.
- (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;

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

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

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

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

11 **§ 6-27. [Commercial trailers.] {RESERVED.}**

12 [(a) "Commercial trailer" defined.]

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

14 [(1) is a trailer;]

15 [(2) has no motive power;]

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

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

18 [(b) Prohibited conduct.]

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

22 [(c) Exceptions.]

23 [This section does not apply to:]

24 [(1) authorized emergency vehicles;]

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

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

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1 **Subtitle 36. Commercial Vehicles and Trailers**

2 **§ 36-2. \$500 fines.**

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

7 **§ 36-4. \$250 fines.**

8 (1) Parking or standing a noncommercial vehicle of [more than 20,000 pounds gross weight]
9 FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CLASS 6 OR HIGHER or a commercial vehicle of
10 [20,000 pounds or less gross vehicle weight] FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
11 CLASS 5 OR LOWER in violation of § [6-26(b)] 6-26(A) {"Stopping by residence"} of this
12 [article] ARTICLE is punishable by a fine of \$250.

13 **§ 36-6. \$75 fines.**

14 (6) Parking or standing a noncommercial vehicle of [more than 20,000 pounds gross weight]
15 FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CLASS 6 OR HIGHER or a commercial vehicle of
16 [20,000 pounds or less gross vehicle weight] FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
17 CLASS 5 OR LOWER in violation of § [6-26(c)] 6-26(B) {"Nighttime hours"} of this
18 [article] ARTICLE is punishable by a fine of \$75.

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