

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
ORDINANCE **20.397**  
Council Bill 20-0542

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Henry, Dorsey

Introduced and read first time: June 15, 2020

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Assigned to: Transportation Committee

Committee Report: Favorable

Council action: Adopted

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Read second time: July 13, 2020

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Commercial Vehicle Parking – Clarification of Scope**

FOR the purpose of clarifying certain exceptions regarding the prohibitions set forth in Article 31 {“Transit and Traffic”} on commercial vehicles parking; deleting an unnecessary limitation; conforming related provisions; and providing for a special effective date.

BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments

Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

Section(s) 6-26

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 6. Parking, Standing, and Stopping Regulations**

***Part 5. Commercial Vehicles and Trailers***

**§ 6-26. Commercial vehicles.**

[(a) “Commercial vehicle” limited.]

[In this section, “commercial vehicle” does not include a vehicle that:

- (1) has a maximum gross vehicle weight of less than 7,000 pounds and a manufacturer’s rated capacity of  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton or less;

**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 (2) except for a passenger car (as defined in Maryland Vehicle Law § 11-144.1), has  
2 no commercial advertising on the exterior of the vehicle or on any equipment  
3 attached to the vehicle;

4 (3) is not visibly loaded with supplies or equipment; and

5 (4) is designed to carry 15 or fewer passengers.]

6 (A) [(b)] *Stopping by residence.*

7 (1) Except as otherwise specified in this section, no vehicle with a maximum gross  
8 vehicle weight of more than 20,000 pounds and no commercial vehicle may park,  
9 stand, or stop longer than 1 hour continuously on any street, lane, or alley in front of  
10 or adjacent to any property used or intended to be used as a residence.

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

14 (B) [(c)] *Nighttime hours.*

15 Except as otherwise specified in this section, no vehicle with a maximum gross vehicle  
16 weight of more than 20,000 pounds and no commercial vehicle may park, stand, or stop  
17 longer than 1 hour continuously between the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. on any street,  
18 lane, or alley of the City.

19 (C) [(d)] *Exceptions.*

20 This section does not apply to:

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

22 (2) emergency vehicles belonging to:

23 (i) the City;

24 (ii) any public utility; or

25 (iii) any volunteer ambulance service[.];

26 (3) PRIVATE PASSENGER VEHICLES, INCLUDING AUTOMOBILES, MINIVANS, PASSENGER  
27 VANS, STATION WAGONS, AND SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES;

28 (4) PICKUP TRUCKS; OR

29 (5) PANEL-BODY DELIVERY TRUCKS WITH LESS THAN 1,500 POUNDS (3/4 OF A TON)  
30 MANUFACTURER'S RATING CAPACITY.

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

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the day it is  
5 enacted.

Certified as duly passed this 20 day of July, 20 20

Brandon M. Scott  
President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 20 day of July, 20 20

Katarina B. Austin  
Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to Baltimore City Charter, Article IV, Section 5  
(c) this bill became law on September 21, 2020 without the  
Mayor's signature.

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Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved for form and legal sufficiency  
this 23rd day of July, 2020.

Elena DiPietro  
Chief Solicitor