

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 15-0481
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft, Spector, Branch, Costello, Henry, Reisinger, Welch,
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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Planning, Department of
Transportation, Baltimore City Parking Authority Board, Police Department

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Transit and Traffic – Impeding Traffic by School Grounds**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the fine, without requiring a prior warning, for vehicles that park,
4 stop, or stand in a manner that obstructs or impedes the free flow of traffic by school grounds
5 during certain hours; clarifying, correcting, and conforming related language; and generally
6 relating to the imposition of fines for obstructing or impeding the free flow of vehicular or
7 pedestrian traffic.

8 BY adding

9 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
10 Section(s) 36-4(3)
11 Baltimore City Code
12 (Edition 2000)

13 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

14 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
15 Section(s) 36-5(3)
16 Baltimore City Code
17 (Edition 2000)

18 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
19 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

20 **Baltimore City Code**

21 **Article 31. Transit and Traffic**

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

23 **§ 36-4. \$250 fines.**

24 (3) PARKING, STOPPING, OR STANDING IN A MANNER THAT OBSTRUCTS OR IMPEDES THE FREE
25 FLOW OF VEHICULAR OR PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ALONG A BLOCK FACE ABUTTING OR

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

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1 IMMEDIATELY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE GROUNDS OF A BUILDING USED AS A PUBLIC
2 OR PRIVATE KINDERGARTEN, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, OR SECONDARY SCHOOL, ON ANY
3 SCHOOL DAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7 A.M AND 9 A.M. OR BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2 P.M.
4 AND 4 P.M., IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$250.

5 **§ 36-5. \$100 fines.**

6 (3) (i) Parking, stopping, or standing in [such] a manner [as to obstruct or impede] THAT
7 OBSTRUCTS OR IMPEDES the free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic is punishable
8 by a fine of \$100, subject to the requirements of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph
9 (3).

10 (ii) (A) Except as provided in sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (ii), the
11 Transportation Department may not issue a citation for this offense unless:

12 1. [(1)] it first issues a written warning, ordering the obstruction or
13 impediment to be removed within 15 minutes of the warning; and

14 2. [(2)] the [impediment or] obstruction OR IMPEDIMENT is not removed
15 within the specified time.

16 (B) This subparagraph (ii) does not apply, and a citation may be issued without a prior
17 warning, on a street marked as a snow emergency route, at any time between the
18 hours of 7 a.m and 9:30 a.m. or BETWEEN the hours of 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

19 (iii) This paragraph (3) does not apply to an obstruction or impediment:

20 (A) within an intersection or a marked crosswalk or by a commercial vehicle, as
21 provided in § 36-4(2) of this subtitle; OR

22 (B) ALONG A BLOCK FACE ABUTTING OR ACROSS FROM THE GROUNDS OF A SCHOOL, AS
23 PROVIDED IN § 36-4(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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

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