

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 17-0029  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Dorsey, Clarke, Stokes, Henry, Bullock, Costello, Scott, Pinkett,  
Cohen, Burnett, Sneed, Reisinger

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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Transportation

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Unidentifiable Vehicles – Immediate Towing**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the parking of unidentifiable vehicles on City streets; authorizing  
4 the immediate removal of unidentifiable vehicles parked on City streets; setting a certain  
5 penalty; and generally relating to unidentifiable vehicles.

6 BY adding

7 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

8 Section(s) 31-12

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

11 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

12 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

13 Section(s) 36-3

14 Baltimore City Code

15 (Edition 2000)

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

18 **Baltimore City Code**

19 **Article 31. Transit and Traffic**

20 **Subtitle 31. Clear Streets and Impoundment**

21 **§ 31-12. UNIDENTIFIABLE VEHICLES.**

22 (A) *PROHIBITED CONDUCT.*

23 IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO PARK A VEHICLE OR PART OF A VEHICLE ON ANY  
24 STREET, LANE, OR ALLEY IF THE VEHICLE:

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

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1 (1) IS NOT DISPLAYING CURRENTLY VALID REGISTRATION PLATES; AND

2 (2) HAS ITS VIN OBSCURED SO THAT IT CANNOT BE READ FROM OUTSIDE THE VEHICLE.

3 (B) *REMOVAL OF VEHICLES.*

4 THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CAUSE ANY VEHICLE IN VIOLATION OF  
5 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION TO BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED AND IMPOUNDED AS  
6 PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE.

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

8 **§ 36-3. \$300 fines.**

9 (1) Abandoning a vehicle in violation of § 31-8 {"Abandoned vehicles"} of this article is  
10 punishable by a fine of \$300.

11 (2) PARKING AN UNIDENTIFIABLE VEHICLE IN VIOLATION OF § 31-12 {"UNIDENTIFIABLE  
12 VEHICLES"} OF THIS ARTICLE IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$300.

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

16 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
17 after the date it is enacted.