

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 16-0686**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Parking Authority)  
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Read second time: October 20, 2016

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Metered Parking – Multi-Space Methods**

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain alternative methods for the operation of multi-space metered parking; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related language; repealing obsolescent provisions; and generally relating to the installation and operation of metered parking systems.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 31 - Transit and Traffic  
Sections 7-1 through 7-6, and 7-8  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

BY repealing

Article 31 - Transit and Traffic  
Section 7-7  
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 7. Metered Parking**

**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 **§ 7-1. Authorizations.**

2 (a) *Installation of meters.*

3 The purchase, leasing, installation, and operation of certain parking devices, known  
4 generally as parking meters, are authorized on the streets, thoroughfares, and public  
5 places of the City.

6 (B) *ESTABLISHMENT OF MOBILE-PAYMENT SYSTEMS.*

7 THE PURCHASE, LEASING, ESTABLISHMENT, AND OPERATION OF MOBILE-PAYMENT  
8 SYSTEMS FOR METERED PARKING ARE AUTHORIZED ON THE STREETS, THOROUGHFARES,  
9 AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY.

10 (C) [(b)] *Parking spaces.*

11 [Parking] PAID METERED PARKING spaces are authorized [and] on [all of] these streets,  
12 thoroughfares, and public places, subject generally to the powers, authorizations, and  
13 conditions contained in this subtitle.

14 (D) [(c)] *Exceptions.*

15 Parking meters may not be installed on either side of Madison Street between Charles  
16 Street and Howard Street.

17 **§ 7-2. Contracts.**

18 The Board of Estimates, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THE CITY  
19 CHARTER, may enter into one or more contracts for:

20 (1) the leasing or purchasing and the installation and maintenance of parking meters [in  
21 accordance with the procedures outlined in the City Charter]; [and]

22 (2) the purchase of parts and equipment for the maintenance and operation of [the] THESE  
23 parking meters, as the Board from time to time determines to be in the best interests  
24 of the City; AND

25 (3) THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF MOBILE-PAYMENT SYSTEMS FOR METERED  
26 PARKING.

27 **§ 7-3. Types of [meters] METERED PARKING.**

28 (a) *Director to install.*

29 The Director of Transportation shall install or cause the installation of parking meters  
30 AND ESTABLISH OR CAUSE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MOBILE-PAYMENT SYSTEMS, as  
31 provided in this subtitle.

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1 (b) *Time variations.*

2 [(1)] In the Director’s discretion and as the Director determines to be best suited for the  
3 traffic needs of a particular area, [the parking meters] METERED PARKING may be [of]  
4 FOR a 15-minute, 30-minute, 1-hour, 1½-hour, [or] 2-hour, OR OTHER [type] TIME PERIOD  
5 [in the general parking areas of the City].

6 [(2) The Director may [install parking meters with] ~~SET~~ other variations of time, at rates  
7 comparable to those set under this subtitle for the same type of parking area.]

8 **§ 7-4. Methods of installation.**

9 (a) *Single-space meters.*

10 (1) Single-space parking meters may be installed in a manner that divides the street into  
11 units or stalls that are approximately 21 feet.

12 (2) The meters shall be installed at the forward end of the curb parking space.

13 (b) *Multi-space [meters] PARKING.*

14 (1) Multi-space [parking meters] METERED PARKING may be installed in a manner that  
15 permits parking without dividing the street into designated parking units or stalls.

16 (2) At least one multi-space meter shall be installed and maintained on each street block  
17 where [this method of] MULTI-SPACE METERED parking is permitted.

18 (c) *Other.*

19 [Parking meters] METERED PARKING for other than parallel parking may be installed in a  
20 manner that the Director of Transportation determines to be best suited for designating  
21 the parking spaces in the particular area.

22 **§ 7-5. [Operation of meter] METERED PARKING OPERATIONS.**

23 (a) *Single-space meters.*

24 (1) Each single-space parking meter shall be designed to display, [upon] ON payment and  
25 activation, a signal that indicates legal parking for the duration paid for.

26 (2) Each single-space parking meter shall also be designed:

27 (i) to display continuously the time remaining until the legal parking duration  
28 expires; and

29 (ii) at the expiration of that time, to display a signal that the legal parking duration  
30 has expired.

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1 (b) *Multi-space [meters] PARKING.*

2 (1) *IN GENERAL.*

3 MULTI-SPACE METERED PARKING SHALL OPERATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ONE OF THE  
4 SYSTEMS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

5 (2) *“PAY-AND-DISPLAY-RECEIPT” SYSTEM.*

6 (I) [(1) Each] A [multi-space parking] PAY-AND-DISPLAY-RECEIPT SYSTEM  
7 OPERATES THROUGH A MULTI-SPACE meter [shall produce and issue] THAT, [upon]  
8 ON payment and activation, ISSUES a printed receipt that displays:

9 (A) [(i)] the amount of parking time purchased; and

10 (B) [(ii)] the date and time at which the paid parking will expire.

11 (II) [(2)] The meter shall contain clear instructions on how and where the receipt must  
12 be displayed on or in the parked vehicle.

13 (III) [(3)] Failure to display the receipt in the manner specified subjects the parked  
14 vehicle to a parking violation the same as if the proper parking fee had not been  
15 paid.

16 (3) *“PAY-AND-REGISTER-TAG” SYSTEM.*

17 (I) A PAY-AND-REGISTER-TAG SYSTEM OPERATES THROUGH A MULTI-SPACE METER  
18 THAT, ON PAYMENT AND ACTIVATION, RECORDS AND TRANSMITS TO PARKING  
19 ENFORCEMENT:

20 (A) THE MULTI-SPACE PARKING ZONE IN WHICH THE VEHICLE IS PARKED;

21 (B) THE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER OF THE VEHICLE;

22 (C) THE AMOUNT OF PARKING TIME PURCHASED; AND

23 (D) THE DATE AND TIME AT WHICH THE PAID PARKING WILL EXPIRE.

24 (II) FAILURE TO REGISTER THE CORRECT LICENSE PLATE NUMBER SUBJECTS THE  
25 PARKED VEHICLE TO A PARKING VIOLATION THE SAME AS IF THE PROPER PARKING  
26 FEE HAD NOT BEEN PAID.

27 (4) *“MOBILE-PAYMENT” SYSTEM.*

28 (I) A MOBILE-PAYMENT SYSTEM ALLOWS FOR PAYMENT OF MULTI-SPACE METERED  
29 PARKING THROUGH ONE’S OWN MOBILE PHONE OR OTHER MOBILE  
30 COMMUNICATION DEVICE.

31 (II) ON CONNECTION WITH THE SYSTEM AND PAYMENT, THE SYSTEM RECORDS AND  
32 TRANSMITS TO PARKING ENFORCEMENT:

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1 (A) THE MULTI-SPACE PARKING ZONE IN WHICH THE VEHICLE IS PARKED;

2 (B) THE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER OF THE VEHICLE;

3 (C) THE AMOUNT OF PARKING TIME PURCHASED; AND

4 (D) THE DATE AND TIME AT WHICH THE PAID PARKING WILL EXPIRE.

5 (III) FAILURE TO REGISTER THE CORRECT LICENSE PLATE NUMBER SUBJECTS THE  
6 PARKED VEHICLE TO A PARKING VIOLATION THE SAME AS IF THE PROPER PARKING  
7 FEE HAD NOT BEEN PAID.

8 **§ 7-6. Display of hours, payment methods, and rates**

9 Each parking meter OR MULTI-SPACE PARKING ZONE shall contain[, in] a conspicuous [place,  
10 a plate or other device] NOTICE that:

11 (1) clearly states the hours during which that meter OR MULTI-SPACE PARKING ZONE is in  
12 operation and any exceptions to those hours; and

13 (2) clearly indicates:

14 (i) the methods of payment (e.g., coins, bills, credit cards, or other approved  
15 method) that must be used for the legal parking of a vehicle; and

16 (ii) the duration during which it is permissible to park at that meter on payment of  
17 the prescribed amount.

18 **[§ 7-7. Colorings.]**

19 [(a) *Color-parking length coordination.*]

20 [The standards or supporting posts of single-space parking meters and the signs  
21 associated with multi-space parking meters shall be painted uniformly to indicate the  
22 maximum duration during which a vehicle may be legally parked in that place.]

23 [(b) *Director to specify.*]

24 [The Director of Transportation shall designate the various colors to be used for this  
25 purpose.]

26 **§ 7-8. Setting rates and payment methods.**

27 Notwithstanding any other provision of this article:

28 (1) the Director of Transportation may set the rates for [the operation of meters]  
29 METERED PARKING on all [parking meter] METERED-PARKING lots temporarily or  
30 permanently under the control of the City; AND

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1 (2) with the approval of the Board of Estimates, the Director may:

2 (I) set the rates for all other [parking meters] METERED PARKING in the City; and

3 (II) [(3) with the approval of the Board of Estimates, the Director may] designate  
4 the methods of payment to be used for THE various [meters] PARKING  
5 SYSTEMS.

6 **§ 7-9. Rearrangements.**

7 (a) *No commitment.*

8 The [installation of parking meters] ESTABLISHMENT OF METERED PARKING in any  
9 particular place or area of this City is not a commitment by or obligation on the City to  
10 continue the use of [parking meters] METERED PARKING in that place or area.

11 (b) *Authorization to change.*

12 The Director of Transportation may DISCONTINUE, rearrange, or otherwise change  
13 [parking meters] METERED PARKING SYSTEMS on the streets, thoroughfares, and public  
14 places of the City so as best to provide for the City's traffic needs.

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

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

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Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Chief Clerk

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

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Mayor, Baltimore City