

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 09-0430

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Henry, Middleton, Kraft, Young, Holton, Spector,
Reisinger, Welch, Cole, Curran, D'Adamo, Branch, Conaway

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Assigned to: Community Development Subcommittee

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: September 20, 2010

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Transit and Traffic – Bike Lanes

FOR the purpose of allowing the creation of bike lanes; defining certain terms; prohibiting parking or standing in bike lanes; requiring bike-safe grates in bike lanes; imposing certain penalties; and generally relating to bike lanes on City streets.

BY adding

Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

Section(s) 20-1 to 20-8, to be under the new subtitle designation,

“Subtitle 20. Bike Lanes”

Baltimore City Code

(Edition 2000)

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

Section(s) ~~36-8~~ 36-6

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 20. BIKE LANES

§ 20-1. DEFINITIONS.

(A) *IN GENERAL.*

IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

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 (B) *BIKE LANE*.

2 “BIKE LANE” MEANS A PORTION OF A CITY STREET DESIGNATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE
3 SINGLE DIRECTIONAL BICYCLE FLOW ~~OF NON-MOTORIZED VEHICLES~~.

4 (C) *DIRECTOR*.

5 “DIRECTOR” MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION.

6 **§ 20-2 RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

7 (A) *DOT TO ADOPT*.

8 THE DIRECTOR MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.

9 (B) *FILING WITH LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE*.

10 A COPY OF ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MUST BE FILED
11 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BEFORE THEY BECOME EFFECTIVE.

12 **§ 20-3. DESIGNATION OF BIKE LANES.**

13 THE DIRECTOR MAY DESIGNATE 4' TO 5' WIDE STRIPS ON CITY STREETS AS BIKE LANES.

14 **§ 20-54. MARKINGS.**

15 (A) *ON STREET*.

16 (1) BIKE LANES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED ON THE STREET WITH 2 SOLID WHITE LINES
17 AND A BIKE SYMBOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
18 TRANSPORTATION’S FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MANUAL ON UNIFORM
19 TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES OR OTHER NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STANDARDS.

20 (2) MATERIALS FOR MARKING BIKE LANES MUST BE SELECTED TO MINIMIZE THE LOSS OF
21 TRACTION FOR BICYCLES IN WET CONDITIONS.

22 (B) *SIGNAGE*.

23 ~~(1) SIGNS MUST BE INSTALLED MARKING THE BEGINNING AND ENDING OF A BIKE LANE.~~

24 ~~(2) SIGNS MAY BE INSTALLED TO INDICATE THE CONTINUATION OF A BIKE LANE.~~

25 ~~(3) THESE SIGNS MUST:~~

26 ~~(i) BE IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS~~
27 ~~IMPLEMENTING THIS SUBTITLE; AND~~

28 ~~(ii) INDICATE THAT PARKING OR STANDING IS PROHIBITED IN A BIKE LANE.~~

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1 THE APPLICATION AND PLACEMENT OF SIGNS MARKING BIKE LANES MUST CONFORM TO
2 THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S FEDERAL HIGHWAY
3 ADMINISTRATION MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

4 **§ 20-45. BIKE LANE PARKING RESTRICTIONS.**

5 NO MOTOR VEHICLE MAY PARK OR STAND IN AN AREA DESIGNATED AND MARKED AS A BIKE
6 LANE.

7 **§§ 20-6 TO 20-7. {RESERVED}**

8 **§ 20-8. “BIKE-SAFE” GRATES REQUIRED.**

9 AFTER AN AREA HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A BIKE LANE BY THE DIRECTOR, THE DIRECTOR
10 MUST ENSURE THAT ALL DRAINAGE GRATES WITHIN THE BIKE LANE ~~MUST BE PLACED SO THAT~~
11 ~~THE GAPS BETWEEN THE BARS ON THE GRATES ARE PERPENDICULAR TO THE DIRECTION OF~~
12 ~~TRAFFIC:~~

13 (1) HAVE BARS RUNNING PERPENDICULAR TO THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC;

14 (2) CONSIST OF A GRATING COMPOSED OF INTERSECTING BARS; OR

15 (3) USE ANOTHER DESIGN THAT BOTH THE DIRECTOR AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
16 TRANSPORTATION HAVE APPROVED AS MEETING BICYCLE SAFETY DESIGN CRITERIA AS
17 WELL AS ENGINEERING AND STRUCTURAL DESIGN DEMANDS.

18 **SUBTITLE 36. PARKING, ETC., FINES, PENALTIES, AND PROCEDURES**

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20 **§ 36-8. \$50 fines:**

21 ~~(1) Parking on a Snow Emergency Route in violation of § 6-15 {“Snow emergency routes”}~~
22 ~~of this article is punishable by a fine of \$50.~~

23 ~~(2) Obstructing or impeding the movement of pedestrians is punishable by a fine of \$50.~~

24 ~~(3) Standing within 15 feet of a fire plug or fire hydrant in violation of § 6-6(a) {“Engine~~
25 ~~hydrants”} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$50.~~

26 ~~(4) Stopping in front of or opposite a fire engine house in violation of § 6-6(c) {“Engine~~
27 ~~houses”} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$50.~~

28 ~~(5) Stopping or parking in a transit stop is punishable by a fine of \$50.~~

29 ~~(6) Parking or standing a noncommercial vehicle of more than 20,000 pounds gross weight~~
30 ~~or a commercial vehicle of 20,000 pounds or less gross weight in violation of § 6-26(c)~~
31 ~~{“Nighttime hours”} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$50.~~

32 ~~(7) PARKING OR STANDING IN A BIKE LANE IN VIOLATION OF § 20-4 {“BIKE LANE PARKING~~
33 ~~RESTRICTIONS”} OF THIS ARTICLE IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$50.~~

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1 **§ 36-6. \$75 fines.**

2 (1) Parking on a Snow Emergency Route in violation of § 6-15 {"Snow emergency routes"}
3 of this article is punishable by a fine of \$75.

4 (2) Obstructing or impeding the movement of pedestrians is punishable by a fine of \$75.

5 (3) Standing within 15 feet of a fire plug or fire hydrant in violation of § 6-6(a) {"Engine
6 hydrants"} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$75.

7 (4) Stopping in front of or opposite a fire engine house in violation of § 6-6(c) {"Engine
8 houses"} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$75.

9 (5) Stopping or parking in a transit stop is punishable by a fine of \$75.

10 (6) Parking or standing a noncommercial vehicle of more than 20,000 pounds gross weight
11 or a commercial vehicle of 20,000 pounds or less gross weight in violation of § 6-26(c)
12 {"Nighttime hours"} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$75.

13 (7) PARKING OR STANDING IN A BIKE LANE IN VIOLATION OF § 20-5 {"BIKE LANE PARKING
14 RESTRICTIONS"} OF THIS ARTICLE IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$75.

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 30th day
19 after the date it is enacted.

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Certified as duly passed this _____ day of _____, 20__

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,
this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City