

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 26-0145

Introduced by: Councilmember Dorsey
Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Middleton, Gray, Bullock, Blanchard, Porter, Glover,
Ramos, Conway, and President Cohen
Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2026
Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee
Committee Report: Favorable, with Amendments
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: April 6, 2026

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Commercial Vehicle Parking

FOR the purpose of amending the definition of “commercial vehicle”; prohibiting commercial vehicles from standing, stopping, or parking on City streets under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to commercial vehicles in the City.

BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments
Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Section 1-1(f)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

BY renumbering
Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Sections 1-3(k) to 1-3(q)
to be
Sections 1-3(l) to 1-3(r)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

BY adding
Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Section 1-3(k)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

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.

RULE 12-2 ** THIRD READER
PREPARED AND REVIEWED
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

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BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments
Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Sections 6-26, 36-2(1), ~~36-4(1)~~, and ~~36-6(6)~~ and 36-4(1)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

BY repealing
Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
~~Section 6-27~~ Sections 6-27 and 36-6(6)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That Sections 1-3(k) through (q), respectively, of Article 31 - Transportation of the Baltimore City Code be renumbered to be Sections 1-3(l) through (q), respectively.

SECTION 2. BE IT ALSO ORDAINED, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Code

Article 31. Transit and Traffic

Subtitle 1. Definitions; General Provisions

§ 1-1. Definitions – A to L.

(f) *Commercial Vehicle.*

(1) IN GENERAL.

“Commercial vehicle” means:

(I) ~~(1)~~ [every] EACH MOTORIZED vehicle designed, maintained, and used primarily for the transportation or hauling of property, including but not limited to equipment, merchandise, parcels, earth, trash, refuse, scrap, or motor vehicles;

(II) ~~(2)~~ [every] EACH MOTORIZED vehicle, except a passenger car [(as defined in Maryland Vehicle Law § 11-144.1),] AS DEFINED IN STATE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE § 11-144.2 {“PASSENGER CAR”}, that has commercial advertising on the exterior of the vehicle or on equipment attached to the vehicle;

(III) ~~(3)~~ [every] EACH vehicle [that has a maximum gross vehicle weight of 7,000 pounds or more or a manufacturer’s rated capacity of ¾-ton or more; and] OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CLASS 3 OR HIGHER;

(IV) ~~(4)~~ [every] EACH vehicle that is designed to carry more than 15 [passengers and is used to carry people.] PASSENGERS; AND

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(V) ~~(S)~~ EACH TRAILER, AS DEFINED IN § 1-3(K) OF THIS ARTICLE, OR EACH VEHICLE THAT HAS A TRAILER ATTACHED.

(2) EXCLUSION.

“COMMERCIAL VEHICLE” DOES NOT INCLUDE A VEHICLE TO WHICH A TRAILER HAS BEEN ATTACHED, IF THE VEHICLE:

(I) HAS BEEN ASSIGNED A SPECIAL DISABILITY REGISTRATION NUMBER AND SPECIAL DISABILITY REGISTRATION PLATE UNDER § 13-616 {“SPECIAL DISABILITY REGISTRATION NUMBER AND PLATES”} OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE;

(II) DISPLAYS A PARKING PLACARD ISSUED UNDER § 13-616.1 {“PARKING PLACARDS”} OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; OR

(III) DISPLAYS A TEMPORARY PARKING PLACARD ISSUED UNDER § 13-616.2 {“TEMPORARY PARKING PLACARDS”} OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

§ 1-3. Definitions – S to Z.

(K) *TRAILER.*

“TRAILER” MEANS A VEHICLE THAT:

(1) HAS NO MOTIVE POWER;

(2) IS DESIGNED TO CARRY PEOPLE OR PROPERTY;

(3) IS DESIGNED TO BE TOWED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE; AND

(4) IS CONSTRUCTED SO THAT NO PART OF ITS WEIGHT RESTS ON THE TOWING VEHICLE.

Subtitle 6. Parking, Standing, and Stopping Regulations

Part 5. Commercial Vehicles and Trailers

§ 6-26. Commercial vehicles.

(a) *Stopping by residence.*

(1) Except as otherwise specified in this section, no vehicle [with a maximum gross vehicle weight of more than 20,000 pounds] OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CLASS 6 OR HIGHER and no commercial vehicle may park, stand, or stop longer than 1 hour continuously on any street, lane, or alley in front of or adjacent to any property used or intended to be used as a residence.

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

(b) *Nighttime hours.*

Except as otherwise specified in this section, [no vehicle with a maximum gross vehicle weight of more than 20,000 pounds and] no commercial vehicle may park, stand, or stop [longer than 1 hour continuously] ~~FOR ANY PURPOSE OR PERIOD OF TIME~~ between the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. on any street, lane, or alley of the City.

(c) *Exceptions.*

This section does not apply to:

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

(2) emergency vehicles belonging to:

(i) the City;

(ii) any public utility; or

(iii) any volunteer ambulance service;

(3) private passenger vehicles, including automobiles, minivans, passenger vans, station wagons, and sport utility [vehicles;] ~~VEHICLES UNLESS THERE IS A TRAILER ATTACHED;~~

(4) pickup [trucks; or] ~~TRUCKS, UNLESS THE PICKUP TRUCK HAS A TRAILER ATTACHED;~~

(5) panel-body delivery trucks with less than 1,500 pounds (3/4 of a ton) manufacturer's rating [capacity.] ~~CAPACITY, UNLESS THE PANEL-BODY DELIVERY TRUCK HAS A TRAILER ATTACHED; OR~~

(6) ~~A DETACHED TRAILER~~ VEHICLE ENGAGED IN LOADING AS DEFINED IN § 1-1(Q) OF THIS ARTICLE.

§ 6-27. [Commercial trailers.] {RESERVED.}

[(a) "*Commercial trailer*" defined.]

[In this section, "commercial trailer" means a vehicle that:]

[(1) is a trailer;]

[(2) has no motive power;]

[(3) is designed to be towed by a motor vehicle; and]

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1 [(4) is designed for the transportation of property.]

2 [(b) *Prohibited conduct.*]

3 [Except as otherwise specified in this section, a person may not park, stand, or stop a
4 detached commercial trailer on any public street or highway in the City, except when the
5 vehicle is being expeditiously loaded or unloaded.]

6 [(c) *Exceptions.*]

7 [This section does not apply to:]

8 [(1) authorized emergency vehicles;]

9 [(2) vehicles owned or operated by the City; or]

10 [(3) vehicles owned or operated by a public service company, as defined in State
11 Public Utility Companies Article, § 1-101 of the Maryland Code, while engaged
12 in construction or repair services associated with supplying necessary service to
13 its customers.]

14 Subtitle 36. Parking, etc., Fines, Penalties, and Procedures

15 § 36-2. \$500 fines.

16 ~~(1) Parking or standing a commercial vehicle [with a maximum gross vehicle weight of more~~
17 ~~than 20,000 pounds] OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CLASS 6 OR HIGHER in~~
18 ~~violation of § [6-26(b)] 6-26(A) {"Stopping by residence"} or of § [6-26(c)] 6-26(B)~~
19 ~~{"Nighttime hours"} of this [article] ARTICLE is punishable by a fine of \$500.~~

20 (1) PARKING OR STANDING A VEHICLE CLASSIFIED BY THE FEDERAL
21 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AS CLASS 6 OR HIGHER, IN VIOLATION OF § 6-26(A)
22 {"STOPPING BY RESIDENCE"} OR OF § 6-26(B) {"NIGHTTIME HOURS"} OF THIS ARTICLE, IS
23 PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$500.

24 § 36-4. \$250 fines.

25 ~~(1) Parking or standing a noncommercial vehicle of [more than 20,000 pounds gross weight]~~
26 ~~FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CLASS 6 OR HIGHER or a commercial vehicle of~~
27 ~~[20,000 pounds or less gross vehicle weight] FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION~~
28 ~~CLASS 5 OR LOWER in violation of § [6-26(b)] 6-26(A) {"Stopping by residence"} of this~~
29 ~~[article] ARTICLE is punishable by a fine of \$250.~~

30 (1) PARKING OR STANDING A VEHICLE OTHER THAN A VEHICLE INCLUDED IN THE PROVISIONS
31 OF § 36-2(1) OF THIS ARTICLE, IN VIOLATION OF § 6-26(A) {"STOPPING BY RESIDENCE"}
32 OR OF § 6-26(B) {"NIGHTTIME HOURS"} OF THIS ARTICLE, IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF
33 \$250.

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§ 36-6. \$75 fines.

~~(6) Parking or standing a noncommercial vehicle of [more than 20,000 pounds gross weight]
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION CLASS 6 OR HIGHER or a commercial vehicle of
[20,000 pounds or less gross vehicle weight] FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
CLASS 5 OR LOWER in violation of § [6-26(c)] 6-26(B) {"Nighttime hours"} of this
[article] ARTICLE is punishable by a fine of \$75.~~

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

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
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 His Honor, the Mayor,

this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City