

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 11-0244R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kraft, Henry, Middleton, Curran, Holton, Branch, Reisinger,
Spector, Stokes, Clarke, Welch, President Young, Councilmember Conaway
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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Request for State Legislation – Parking Near Hydrants

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2 FOR the purpose of respectfully urging the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City
3 Senate and House Delegations to the 2011 Session of the Maryland General Assembly to
4 sponsor and secure the adoption of legislation enabling Baltimore City to reduce the area in
5 which parking is prohibited surrounding a fire hydrant from 30 feet to 20 feet.

6 **WHEREAS**, many Baltimore neighborhoods suffer from an extreme shortage of on-street
7 parking, which adversely impacts quality of life for neighborhood residents.

8 **WHEREAS**, in the 2010 Baltimore City Citizen Survey, 78 percent of residents reported that
9 parking in commercial areas was at least a moderate problem, with a quarter of residents
10 believing it to be very serious, making it more difficult for local businesses to attract and retain
11 customers.

12 **WHEREAS**, cities such as Minneapolis, Boston, and Denver require that only 20 feet be
13 restricted surrounding fire hydrants, and New York City is considering reducing its requirement
14 from 30 feet to 20 feet in order to create additional parking spaces.

15 **WHEREAS**, reducing this requirement could create additional parking in blocks containing a
16 fire hydrant.

17 **WHEREAS**, currently, the Maryland State Code, in the Transportation Article, §21-1003 (m),
18 prohibits parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant on either side, resulting in a 30-foot long
19 no-parking zone.

20 **WHEREAS**, neighborhoods throughout Baltimore, notably the Southeast Complete Streets
21 Committee, are undertaking efforts to identify and make available additional on-street parking in
22 their areas, and this measure would support and assist those efforts.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the
24 Honorable Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the 2011
25 Session of the Maryland General Assembly are respectfully urged to sponsor and secure to
26 adoption of legislation enabling Baltimore City to reduce the area in which parking is prohibited
27 surrounding a fire hydrant from 30 feet to 20 feet.

28 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable
29 Chair and Members of the Baltimore City Senate and Housing Delegations to the 2011 Maryland

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 General Assembly, the Mayor, the Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Relations, and the
2 Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.