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**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Bill 18-0204**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Middleton, President Young, Councilmembers Bullock, Pinkett,  
Burnett, Henry, Cohen, Stokes, Sneed, Clarke, Reisinger, Costello, Schleifer, Scott  
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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Dangerous Knives – Commercial Display to Minors**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the commercial display of certain dangerous knives to minors;  
creating a limited exception for sporting goods stores; conforming related provisions; and  
generally relating to the commercial display of dangerous knives.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 19 - Police Ordinances  
Section(s) 59-23  
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 19. Police Ordinances**

**Subtitle 59. Weapons**

**Part 3. Other Weapons**

**§ 59-23. Dangerous knives – Transfer, etc.; COMMERCIAL DISPLAY [, to individuals under  
21].**

(a) *Definitions.*

(1) *In general.*

**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.  
Underlined italics indicate matter added to the bill  
by amendment after printing for third reading.

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1 In this section, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

2 (2) *Dangerous knife.*

3 “Dangerous knife” means any:

4 (i) Bowie knife;

5 (ii) dirk knife;

6 (iii) gravity knife;

7 (iv) shooting knife, as described in State Criminal Law Article § 4-105;

8 (v) star knife, as defined in State Criminal Law Article § 4-101;

9 (vi) straight razor;

10 (vii) switchblade knife, as described in § 59-22 of this subtitle or in State Criminal  
11 Law Article § 4-105; or

12 (viii) any knife with a blade that is longer than 3 inches.

13 (3) *Person.*

14 “Person” means any individual, partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited  
15 liability company, or other entity of any kind.

16 (b) *Prohibited transfer, etc., to individuals under 21.*

17 No person may sell, give, or otherwise transfer a dangerous knife to, or permit the use or  
18 possession of a dangerous knife by, any individual that the person knows or has  
19 reasonable cause to believe is under the age of 21.

20 (C) *PROHIBITED COMMERCIAL DISPLAY TO ~~MINORS~~ INDIVIDUALS UNDER 21.*

21 (1) *PLACEMENT IN WINDOWS OR GLASS DISPLAY CASES PROHIBITED.*

22 ~~NO~~ (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PART (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, NO PERSON MAY PLACE A  
23 DANGEROUS KNIFE IN ~~A WINDOW~~ AN EXTERIOR WINDOW OR GLASS DISPLAY CASE  
24 OF A COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT THAT OFFERS KNIVES FOR SALE.

25 (II) THE DISPLAY OF A DANGEROUS KNIFE IN A GLASS DISPLAY CASE IS PERMITTED IN A  
26 COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT THAT SELLS PRIMARILY SPORTING GOODS.

27 (2) *REQUIRED PLACEMENT IN ESTABLISHMENTS OPEN TO ~~MINORS~~ INDIVIDUALS UNDER 21.*

28 IN ANY COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT OPEN TO ~~MINORS~~ INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE  
29 OF 21, A DANGEROUS KNIFE AVAILABLE FOR SALE MUST BE PLACED BEHIND A SALES  
30 COUNTER AND BE INACCESSIBLE TO ~~MINORS~~ INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 21.

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1 (D) [(c)] *Penalties.*

2 Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on  
3 conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment for not more  
4 than 12 months or to both fine and imprisonment for each offense.

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

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

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