

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 05-0027  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, D'Adamo, Young, Kraft, Welch, Conaway

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2005

Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance, Department of Transportation, Baltimore City Parking Authority, Police Department

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Impoundment – Lawfully Parked Vehicles**

3 FOR the purpose of extending an exception to the imposition of towing or storage fees to certain  
4 parked vehicles; clarifying, correcting, and conforming certain language; and generally  
5 relating to the towing, impoundment, and storage of vehicles.

6 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

7 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

8 Section(s) 31-68

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

11 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
12 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

13 **Baltimore City Code**

14 **Article 31. Transit and Traffic**

15 **Subtitle 31. Clear Streets and Impoundment**

16 ***Part 6. When Charges Not Imposed***

17 **§ 31-68. No violations under [impound regulations] SUBTITLE.**

18 (a) *In general.*

19 [Where] IF a vehicle [has been] IS impounded and [no charges for violations which come  
20 under the impounding regulation have been lodged against the owner or operator of said  
21 vehicle] NEITHER THE OWNER NOR OPERATOR OF THE VEHICLE IS CHARGED WITH A  
22 VIOLATION THAT FALLS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS SUBTITLE, [neither towing nor storage

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1 charges shall be collected] NO CHARGE MAY BE IMPOSED FOR TOWING OR STORAGE if  
2 [said] THE vehicle is reclaimed within 48 hours after every reasonable attempt HAS BEEN  
3 MADE to notify the owner or [his] THE OWNER’S next of kin [has been made] that the  
4 vehicle has been delivered to the storage area.

5 (b) *Exception.*

6 [This] SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS section [shall] DOES not apply to THE IMPOUNDMENT OF:

7 (1) A stolen [vehicles] VEHICLE[.];

8 (2) AN abandoned [vehicles] VEHICLE[.]; or

9 (3) A [vehicles] VEHICLE involved in [accidents] AN ACCIDENT, UNLESS THE VEHICLE  
10 WAS LAWFULLY PARKED AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT.

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

14 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th  
15 day after the date it is enacted.