

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 09-0431

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

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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

City Streets – Bike-Safe Grates

FOR the purpose of requiring that all City street paving and repaving contracts require that drainage grates be installed in a bike-safe alignment; defining “bike-safe grate”; requiring anyone undertaking a street paving project to install drainage grates in a bike-safe alignment; allowing for certain exceptions; and generally relating to bike-safe grates on City streets.

BY adding

Article 26 - Surveys, Streets, and Highways

Section(s) 18-11

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 26. Surveys, Streets, and Highways

Subtitle 18. Grades, Grading, and Paving

§ 18-11. “BIKE-SAFE” GRATES REQUIRED.

(A) BIKE-SAFE GRATE DEFINED.

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION “BIKE-SAFE GRATE” MEANS A DRAINAGE GRATE THAT:

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

(2) CONSISTS OF A GRATING COMPOSED OF INTERSECTING BARS; OR

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

4 (B) (A) CITY CONTRACTS

5 NO CONTRACTS MAY BE MADE BY THE CITY ~~FOR~~ THAT INCLUDE PAVING OR REPAVING ANY
6 STREET, AVENUE, LANE, OR ALLEY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS UNLESS THE CONTRACT
7 REQUIRES THAT ALL DRAINAGE GRATES IN THE AFFECTED AREA ~~BE PLACED SO THAT THE~~
8 ~~GAPS BETWEEN THE BARS ON THE GRATES ARE PERPENDICULAR TO THE DIRECTION OF~~
9 ~~TRAFFIC~~ THAT ARE NOT BIKE-SAFE GRATES BE REPLACED WITH BIKE-SAFE GRATES.

10 (C) (B) GENERAL PAVING

11 NO PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES FOR A PAVING
12 OR REPAVING PROJECT MAY BE PERMITTED ON ANY STREET, AVENUE, LANE, OR ALLEY
13 WITHIN THE CITY, AND NO PAVING OR REPAVING PROJECT MAY BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE
14 CITY, UNLESS THE PERSON UNDERTAKING THE PROJECT ENSURES PLAN REQUIRES THAT
15 ALL DRAINAGE GRATES IN THE AFFECTED AREA ARE PLACED SO THAT THE GAPS BETWEEN
16 THE BARS ON THE GRATES ARE PERPENDICULAR TO THE DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC THAT ARE
17 NOT BIKE-SAFE GRATES ARE REPLACED WITH BIKE-SAFE GRATES.

18 (D) EXCEPTION FOR EMERGENCY RESURFACING DUE TO UTILITY FAILURE.

19 THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO EMERGENCY RESURFACING WORK THAT IS:

20 (1) REQUIRED DUE TO A UTILITY FAILURE; AND

21 (2) DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW.

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

25 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
26 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