

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 05-0287  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: The Council President  
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Transportation)  
Introduced and read first time: November 21, 2005  
Assigned to: Taxation and Finance Committee and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations  
Committee

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

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Towing Services – License Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of modifying the application, license, and related fees for persons engaged in  
4 certain towing services; correcting, clarifying, and conforming certain language; and  
5 generally relating to the licensing and regulation of towing services.

6 By repealing and reordaining, with amendments

7 Article 15 - Licensing and Regulation  
8 Section(s) 22-5(a) and 22-6  
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 15. Licensing and Regulation**

15 **Subtitle 22. Towing Services**

16 **§ 22-5. Applications.**

17 (a) *In general.*

18 (1) Applications shall be made on forms [to be] furnished by the Board.

19 (2) [The] WITH THE APPLICATION, THE applicant shall pay [to the Director of Finance a  
20 filing] A NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION fee of [\$10] \$100 [when the application is  
21 made].

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

1 (3) Before the examination, the applicant shall pay an additional NON-REFUNDABLE fee,  
2 to be set FROM TIME TO TIME by the Board of Estimates[, which shall be] IN an  
3 amount sufficient to cover the cost to the City of necessary background checks and  
4 investigations.

5 **§ 22-6. Issuance; fees.**

6 (a) *In general.*

7 [Upon] ON approval BY THE BOARD of a license application [by the Board] AND  
8 PAYMENT OF THE APPLICABLE LICENSE FEE, the Director of Finance shall issue [a] THE  
9 license.

10 (b) *Annual fee.*

11 The annual license fee [shall be \$25] IS \$50 [per] FOR EACH vehicle [utilized] TO BE USED  
12 by the licensee [to tow a motor vehicle] FOR TOWING under this subtitle.

13 (c) *Replacement fee.*

14 [In case of loss, mutilation, or destruction of] IF a license IS LOST, MUTILATED, OR  
15 DESTROYED, a duplicate shall be issued [at a cost of \$2 per license] ON PAYMENT OF A  
16 REPLACEMENT FEE OF \$10.

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

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