

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 10-0522**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke, Middleton, Branch, D'Adamo, Curran, Henry, Welch,  
Spector, Reisinger, Kraft

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Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Council action: Adopted

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**Required Parking for Bicycles**

1  
2 FOR the purpose of requiring certain new or expanded structures, premises, and uses to provide  
3 bicycle parking that meets certain standards; defining and redefining certain terms; imposing  
4 certain penalties; allowing bicycle parking in required yards; allowing for the issuance of  
5 variances from bicycle parking requirements; providing for a special effective date; and  
6 generally relating to required parking spaces for bicycles.

7 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

8 Article - Zoning

9 Section(s) 1-162, 10-101, 10-206, 10-207(a), (c), and (d), 10-301(c)~~(1) and (2)~~,

10 10-305, 10-306, 10-307, 10-308(a), 10-402, and 10-405(intro)

11 Baltimore City Code

12 (Edition 2000)

13 BY adding

14 Article - Zoning

15 Section(s) 1-116.1, 1-168.2, 3-209(c)(5a), 10-311, 10-406, and 15-208(d)

16 Baltimore City Code

17 (Edition 2000)

18 BY repealing and reordaining, without amendments

19 Article - Zoning

20 Section(s) 10-201

21 Baltimore City Code

22 (Edition 2000)

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

**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.

1 **Baltimore City Code**

2 **Article – Zoning**

3 **Title 1. Definitions; General Provisions**

4 **Subtitle 1. Definitions**

5 **§ 1-116.1. BICYCLE.**

6 “BICYCLE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 11-104 {“BICYCLE”} OF THE STATE  
7 TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

8 **§ 1-162. Motor vehicle.**

9 “Motor vehicle” has the meaning stated in §11-135 {“MOTOR VEHICLE”} of the State  
10 Transportation Article.

11 **§ 1-168.2. PARKING FACILITY, PARKING SPACE, ETC.**

12 “PARKING FACILITY”, “PARKING SPACE”, “VEHICULAR PARKING SPACE”, AND “BICYCLE  
13 PARKING SPACE” HAVE THE MEANINGS STATED IN § 10-101 {“OFF-STREET PARKING  
14 REGULATIONS: DEFINITIONS”} OF THIS ARTICLE.

15 **Title 3. General Rules for Use, Bulk, and Other Regulations**

16 **Subtitle 2. Bulk Regulations**

17 **§ 3-209. Projections and obstructions into required yards.**

18 (c) *Permitted projections and obstructions.*

19 (5A) BICYCLE PARKING SPACES ✓ ✓ ✓  
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22 **Title 10. Off-Street Parking Regulations**

23 **Subtitle 1. Definitions; Overview**

24 **§ 10-101. Definitions.**

25 (a) *In general.*

26 In this title, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

27 (B) *BICYCLE PARKING SPACE.*

28 “BICYCLE PARKING SPACE” MEANS A DESIGNATED AREA, WHETHER OPEN OR ENCLOSED,  
29 THAT IS USED FOR THE OFF-STREET PARKING OF A BICYCLE.

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1 (C) *PARKING FACILITY.*

2 “PARKING FACILITY” MEANS A FACILITY THAT IS USED FOR THE OFF-STREET PARKING OF  
3 MOTOR VEHICLES OR BICYCLES.

4 (D) [(b)] *Parking space.*

5 “Parking space” means a designated area, whether open or enclosed, that is used for the  
6 off-street parking of a motor vehicle OR A BICYCLE.

7 (E) [(c)] *Stacking space.*

8 “Stacking space” means off-street space allocated for the temporary standing of motor  
9 vehicles awaiting entry to a particular establishment.

10 (F) *VEHICLE PARKING SPACE.*

11 “VEHICLE PARKING SPACE” MEANS A DESIGNATED AREA, WHETHER OPEN OR ENCLOSED,  
12 THAT IS USED FOR THE OFF-STREET PARKING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.

13 **Subtitle 2. Scope and Applicability**

14 **§ 10-201. New structures and uses.**

15 For all newly-erected structures and all newly-established uses of land, accessory off-street  
16 parking facilities must be provided for that structure and use, as required by this title.

17 **§ 10-206. Spaces to be used exclusively for parking.**

18 (a) *In general.*

19 (1) All VEHICLE parking spaces required by this title must be used solely for the parking  
20 of motor vehicles.

21 (2) ALL BICYCLE PARKING SPACES REQUIRED BY THIS TITLE MUST BE USED SOLELY FOR  
22 THE PARKING OF BICYCLES.

23 (b) *Specifically prohibited uses.*

24 (1) In no event, may required parking spaces be used for the temporary or permanent  
25 storage of vehicles for sale or hire.

26 (2) No [motor] vehicle repair work or service of any kind, except emergency repair  
27 service, is permitted in any parking spaces.

28 **§ 10-207. Exemptions; special provisions.**

29 (a) *In Business or Industrial District.*

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1 (1) Except as specified in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if the application of this title  
2 results in a requirement of no more than 2 VEHICLE PARKING spaces on a single lot in  
3 a Business or Industrial District, those off-street parking spaces need not be provided.

4 (2) This subsection, however, does not apply to off-street parking required for dwelling  
5 and efficiency units.

6 (c) *For public housing.*

7 No more than 1 VEHICLE parking space need be provided for every 2 dwelling units in  
8 dwellings erected or rehabilitated to be sold to, to be developed by, or to be developed for  
9 the use of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City for low-rent public housing.

10 (d) *For elderly.*

11 No more than 1 VEHICLE parking space need be provided for every 4 units designed for  
12 occupancy by the elderly in:

13 (1) a federally-assisted private or public housing dwelling; or

14 (2) housing for the elderly.

### 15 Subtitle 3. General Requirements

#### 16 § 10-301. Plot plan.

17 (c) *Required reviews.*

18 (1) If a proposed new or expanded use [provides] CALLS for 5 or more new VEHICLE  
19 parking spaces, the Zoning Administrator must forward the plot plan for that use to:

20 (i) the Department of Planning; and

21 (ii) the Department of Public Works.

22 (2) The Department of Public Works must determine:

23 (i) compliance with:

24 (A) drainage requirements;

25 (B) sidewalk, curb, and driveway requirements; and

26 (C) other relevant standards adopted by the Department of Public Works;  
27 and

28 (ii) the adequacy of:

29 (A) ingress and egress provisions for BICYCLE AND vehicular movement;

30 (B) safety provisions for pedestrian, BICYCLE, and vehicular traffic; and

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(C) all safeguards needed to ensure a minimum of disruption to public rights-of-way and a maximum of safety.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING MUST DETERMINE THE ADEQUACY OF THE DESIGN, SAFETY, AND SECURITY OF REQUIRED BICYCLE PARKING.

[(3)] (4) Within 10 days of their having received the plot plan, the Department of Planning and the Department of Public Works must return the plot plan to the Zoning Administrator, with their written approvals or recommended modifications.

**§ 10-305. Minimum size, CAPACITY of space.**

(A) *VEHICLE PARKING SPACES.*

Each VEHICLE parking space must be at least 180 square feet, exclusive of access drives or aisles.

(B) *BICYCLE PARKING SPACES.*

(1) EACH BICYCLE PARKING SPACE MUST BE:

(I) FOR AN OUTDOOR SPACE, AT LEAST 4 FEET BY 6 FEET; AND

(II) FOR AN ENCLOSED SPACE, AT LEAST 15 SQUARE FEET OF OPEN FLOOR AREA.

(2) EACH BICYCLE PARKING SPACE MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH A BICYCLE RACK OR LOCKER THAT CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 2 BICYCLES PER RACK OR LOCKER.

**§ 10-306. Required access.**

(a) *To street or alley.*

Each VEHICLE parking space must be designed with safe and efficient means of vehicular access to:

(1) a street; or

(2) an alley at least 15 feet wide.

(b) *Design of driveways and ramps.*

In establishing VEHICLE parking spaces under this title, driveways or access ramps must be designed and constructed in a way that permits vehicles to enter or leave the parking spaces without having to move any other vehicle onto the public way.

**§ 10-307. Surfacing.**

(a) *In general.*

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1 Except as specified in subsection (b) of this section, VEHICLE parking spaces must be  
2 surfaced and maintained with a dustless all-weather material in accordance with the  
3 Building Code of Baltimore City.

4 (b) *Single- and 2-family dwellings.*

5 For single- and 2-family dwellings, a VEHICLE parking space may consist of 2 parallel  
6 paved parking strips, each of which is at least 18 inches wide and at least 20 feet long.

7 **§ 10-308. Screening and landscaping near Residence or Office-Residence Districts.**

8 (a) *When screening required.*

9 Screening is required for any parking facility with 5 or more VEHICLE parking spaces, if  
10 the facility:

- 11 (1) either adjoins or is within 100 feet of a lot in a Residence or Office-Residence  
12 District; and  
13 (2) is visible from the ground level of the Residence or Office-Residence District.

14 **§ 10-311. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR BICYCLE PARKING.**

15 EACH BICYCLE PARKING SPACE MUST BE:

- 16 ~~(1) PROVIDED IN A SAFE AND SECURE LOCATION THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL PROPERTY~~  
17 ~~USERS;~~
- 18 ~~(2) AT LEAST AS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AS THE MOST CONVENIENT PARKING SPACE NOT~~  
19 ~~RESERVED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES; AND~~
- 20 ~~(3) CLEARLY LABELED AS RESERVED FOR BICYCLE PARKING.~~
- 21 (1) ALLOW BOTH THE BICYCLE FRAME AND THE WHEELS TO BE LOCKED USING A  
22 STANDARD U-LOCK;
- 23 (2) BE DESIGNED SO AS NOT TO CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE BICYCLE;
- 24 (3) FACILITATE EASY LOCKING WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM OR WITH ADJACENT  
25 BICYCLES;
- 26 (4) BE AT LEAST AS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AS THE MOST CONVENIENT VEHICLE  
27 PARKING SPACE NOT RESERVED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES;
- 28 (5) BE IN A WELL LIT, HIGHLY VISIBLE, AND ACTIVE AREA THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL  
29 PROPERTY USERS;
- 30 (6) BE POSITIONED SO AS TO MINIMIZE INTERFERENCE WITH PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS;
- 31 (7) BE CLEARLY LABELED AS RESERVED FOR BICYCLE PARKING; AND

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1           (8) INCLUDE RACKS OR LOCKERS THAT ARE:

2                   (I) ANCHORED SO THAT THEY CANNOT BE EASILY REMOVED;

3                   (II) SOLIDLY CONSTRUCTED;

4                   (III) RESISTANT TO RUST AND CORROSION; AND

5                   (IV) RESISTANT TO HAMMERS AND SAWS.

6                           **Subtitle 4. Required Number of Off-Street Spaces**

7   **§ 10-402. Computation of spaces.**

8       (a) *Fractional spaces.*

9           When the application of this [subtitle] TITLE results in a requirement for a fractional  
10          PARKING space:

11                  (1) any fraction less than ½ may be disregarded; and

12                  (2) any fraction of ½ or more counts as 1 parking space.

13       (b) *Employee-based requirements.*

14           Where VEHICLE parking spaces are required on a number-of-employee basis, the spaces  
15          must be computed on the greatest number of on-duty employees on the premises at any  
16          one time.

17       (c) *Rated-capacity-based requirements.*

18           Where VEHICLE parking spaces are required on a rated-capacity-in-persons basis, the  
19          “rated capacity” is the maximum number of people that, as determined by the Zoning  
20          Administrator, may reasonably be accommodated by the use at any one time.

21   **§ 10-405. [Schedule of required] REQUIRED NUMBER OF VEHICLE PARKING spaces.**

22          Off-street VEHICLE parking spaces must be provided as follows:

23                  . . . .

24   **§ 10-406. REQUIRED NUMBER OF BICYCLE PARKING SPACES.**

25       (A) *IN GENERAL.*

26           1 BICYCLE PARKING SPACE MUST BE PROVIDED FOR:

27                  (1) EVERY 10 VEHICLE PARKING SPACES REQUIRED BY THIS TITLE, FOR THE FIRST 500  
28                  VEHICLE PARKING SPACES; AND

29                  (2) EVERY 20 VEHICLE PARKING SPACES AFTER THE FIRST 500 VEHICLE PARKING  
30                  SPACES REQUIRED BY THIS TITLE.

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1 (B) *VEHICLE PARKING SPACE OFFSET.*

2 THE NUMBER OF VEHICLE PARKING SPACES REQUIRED BY THIS TITLE IS REDUCED BY 1 FOR  
3 ~~EACH~~ EVERY 8, OR FRACTION OF 8, BICYCLE PARKING ~~SPACE~~ SPACES PROVIDED AS  
4 REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

5 **Title 15. Variances**

6 **Subtitle 2. Authorized Variances; Required Findings**

7 *Part I. Authorized Variances*

8 **§ 15-208. Off-street parking — in general.**

9 (D) *BICYCLE PARKING SPACE.*

10 A VARIANCE MAY AUTHORIZE A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF BICYCLE PARKING  
11 SPACES THAT ARE REQUIRED BY THE APPLICABLE REGULATIONS.

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

15 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 185<sup>th</sup>  
16 day 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