

CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE _____
Council Bill 10-0472

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Finance)
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Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments
Council action: Adopted
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AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Parking, etc., Violations – Fines

FOR the purpose of modifying the fines for certain parking, standing, stopping, and other offenses; setting a limit on the amount of the penalty imposed for nonpayment of a citation issued for certain parking, standing, stopping, and other offenses; and generally relating to the regulation of transit and traffic.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Section(s) 36-2 through 36-11, and 36-22(b)(1)
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 31. Transit and Traffic

Subtitle 36. Parking, etc., Fines, Penalties, and Procedures

§ 36-2. [~~\$300~~] ~~\$360~~ \$500 fines.

(1) Parking or standing a commercial vehicle of more than 20,000 pounds gross vehicle weight in violation of § 6-26(b) {"Stopping by residence"} or of § 6-26(c) {"Nighttime hours"} of this article is punishable by a fine of [~~\$300~~] ~~\$360~~ \$500.

~~§ 36-3. [~~\$200~~] ~~\$240~~ fines.~~

(2) Stopping or parking in a space reserved for disabled persons or helpers under § 6-9 {"Disabled persons"} or Subtitle 9 {"Disabled Persons and Helpers"} of this article is punishable by a fine of [~~\$200~~] ~~\$240~~ \$500.

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) PARKING, STOPPING, OR STANDING IN VIOLATION OF § 6-18 {“[U]NLAWFUL DUMPING”}
2 OR § 6-19 {“[WASTE HAULER] WITHOUT LICENSE DISPLAYED”} OF THIS ARTICLE IS
3 PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$500.

4 **§ 36-3. § 36-4. [\$150] \$180 \$300 fines.**

5 Abandoning a vehicle in violation of § 31-8 {“Abandoned vehicles”} of this article is
6 punishable by a fine of [\$150] \$180 \$300.

7 **§ 36-5. [~~\$125~~] \$150 fines.**

8 ~~Parking, stopping, or standing in violation of § 6-18 {“[U]nlawful dumping”} or § 6-19~~
9 ~~{“[Waste hauler] without license displayed”} of this article is punishable by a fine of [~~\$125~~]~~
10 ~~\$150.~~

11 **§ 36-4. § 36-6. [\$100] \$120 \$250 fines.**

12 (1) Parking or standing a noncommercial vehicle of more than 20,000 pounds gross weight
13 or a commercial vehicle of 20,000 pounds or less gross vehicle weight in violation of § 6-
14 26(b) {“Stopping by residence”} of this article is punishable by a fine of [\$100] \$120
15 \$250.

16 **§ 36-7. [~~\$75~~] \$90 fines.**

17 (2) (†) Obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic is punishable by a fine of [\$75] \$90
18 \$250.

19 **§ 36-5. \$100 FINES.**

20 (1) (‡) Parking, stopping, or standing in violation of posted restrictions for the Pimlico Race
21 Track Area is punishable by a fine of [\$75] \$90 \$100.

22 (2) (‡) Parking, stopping, or standing in violation of posted restrictions in any Residential
23 Permit Parking Program Area within the Camden Yards Stadium Complex Area, at
24 any time between 1 hour before the advertised start of a stadium event and 1 hour
25 after the event ends, is punishable by a fine of [\$75] \$90 \$100.

26 **§ 36-6. § 36-8. [\$50] \$60 \$75 fines.**

27 (1) Parking on a Snow Emergency Route in violation of § 6-15 {“Snow emergency routes”}
28 of this article is punishable by a fine of [\$50] \$60 \$75.

29 (2) Obstructing or impeding the movement of pedestrians is punishable by a fine of [\$50]
30 \$60 \$75.

31 (3) Standing within 15 feet of a fire plug or fire hydrant in violation of § 6-6(a) {“Engine
32 hydrants”} of this article is punishable by a fine of [\$50] \$60 \$75.

33 (4) Stopping in front of or opposite a fire engine house in violation of § 6-6(c) {“Engine
34 houses”} of this article is punishable by a fine of [\$50] \$50 \$75.

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1 (5) Stopping or parking in a transit stop is punishable by a fine of [\$50] ~~\$60~~ \$75.

2 (6) Parking or standing a noncommercial vehicle of more than 20,000 pounds gross weight
3 or a commercial vehicle of 20,000 pounds or less gross weight in violation of § 6-26(c)
4 {"Nighttime hours"} of this article is punishable by a fine of [\$50] ~~\$60~~ \$75.

5 **§ 36-7. § 36-9. [\$40] \$48 \$50 fines.**

6 (1) Parking, stopping, or standing where parking, stopping, or standing is prohibited and
7 impounding is authorized is punishable by a fine of [\$40] ~~\$48~~ \$50.

8 (2) A parking meter violation on an impounding street during the hours that a vehicle may be
9 impounded is punishable by a fine of [\$40] ~~\$48~~ \$50.

10 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle for the Pimlico Race Track Area or the
11 Camden Yards Stadium Complex Area, parking in violation of posted restrictions in a
12 Residential Permit Parking Program Area is punishable by a fine of [\$40] ~~\$48~~ \$50.

13 **§ 36-8. § 36-10. [\$25] \$30 fines.**

14 (1) Parking or standing at the entrance of a public parking lot or garage in violation of § 6-8
15 {"Entrances to ... lots or garages"} of this article is punishable by a fine of [\$25] \$30.

16 (2) Obstructing a driveway in violation of § 6-12 {"Private driveways"} of this article is
17 punishable by a fine of [\$25] \$30.

18 (3) Any parking, standing, or stopping violation of this article not otherwise provided for in
19 this subtitle is punishable by a fine of [\$25] \$30.

20 **§ 36-11. [\$21] \$25 fines.**

21 (4) A parking meter violation during the hours that parking at the meter is permitted is
22 punishable by a fine of [\$21] ~~\$25~~ \$30.

23 **§ 36-22. Imposition of penalties.**

24 (b) *Penalties if not paid.*

25 (1) If, within 15 days from the date of the notice, the citation has not been satisfied, the
26 person who received the citation is liable for a penalty EQUAL TO THE LESSER of:

27 (i) \$16 for each month or part of a month the citation remains unsatisfied; AND

28 (ii) 10 TIMES THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE IMPOSED FOR THE VIOLATION FOR WHICH
29 THE CITATION WAS ISSUED.

30 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the changes made by this Ordinance to**
31 **Article 31, § 36-22(b), setting a limit on the penalties imposed under that section, apply only to**
32 **citations issued on or after the effective date of this Ordinance.**

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1 **SECTION 2 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this
2 Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any
3 prior Ordinance.

4 **SECTION 3 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th
5 day after the date it is enacted.

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