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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 22-0229	M E M O	

TO: Mayor Brandon M. Scott
TO: Rules & Legislative Oversight Committee
FROM: Department of Transportation
POSITION: **No Objection**
RE: City Council Bill 22-0229

DATE: 8/30/22

INTRODUCTION – Commercial Vehicle - Definition

PURPOSE/PLANS – For the purpose of amending the definition of “commercial vehicle”.

COMMENTS – Council Bill 22-0229 looks to formally redefine the definition of “commercial vehicle” within the Baltimore City Code, Article 31 Transit and Traffic, Subtitle 1 Definitions; General Provisions. Commercial vehicles are currently defined by City Code as being:

- 1) Every vehicle designed, maintained, and used primarily for the transportation or hauling of property, including but not limited to equipment, merchandise, parcels, earth, trash, refuse, scrap, or motor vehicles.
- 2) every vehicle, except a passenger car (as defined in Maryland Vehicle Law § 11-144.1), that has commercial advertising on the exterior of the vehicle or on equipment attached to the vehicle.
- 3) every vehicle that has a maximum gross vehicle weight of 7,000 pounds or more or a manufacturer’s rated capacity of ¾-ton or more.
- 4) every vehicle that is designed to carry more than 15 passengers and is used to carry people.

Council Bill 22-0229 proposes the addition of a fifth provision, identifying every vehicle with a trailer attached as being a commercial vehicle under City Code. Outside of specific exceptions outlined within Article 31, Subtitle 6-26 of Baltimore City Code, commercial vehicles are prohibited from parking for more than one (1) hour overnight between the hours of 1:00am through 7:00am on any City-owned street, lane or alley. Baltimore City Department of Transportation’s Towing Division’s towing fleet is currently equipped to tow vehicles up to 8,000 pounds. Towing Division has the ability to utilize contractual services to have larger vehicles towed from City right-of-way. The towing of vehicles larger than 8,000 pounds requires drivers trained with specialized CDL licenses and the procurement of vehicles significantly more expensive than the make up of Towing Division’s current fleet.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION – The Baltimore City Department of Transportation foresees no direct operational or fiscal impact resulting from the advancement of the legislation and has **no objection** towards the advancement of Council Bill 22-0229. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liam Davis at Liam.Davis@baltimorecity.gov or at 410-545-3207.

Sincerely,

Steve Sharkey
Director