

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0027
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Dorsey, President Young, and All Members

Introduced and read first time: February 27, 2017

Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Bus Lanes and Stops – Prohibited Parking**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing the Director of Transportation to designate bus lanes and bus stops
4 on City streets; prohibiting parking in designated bus lanes and stops; allowing for the towing
5 of vehicles in properly marked and designated bus lanes and stops; setting certain penalties;
6 clarifying and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to bus lanes and bus
7 stops.

8 BY renaming

9 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

10 Subtitle 16, “Part 7 - Buses; Transit Loading Zones”

11 to be

12 Subtitle 16, “Part 7 - Buses; Private Transit Loading Zones”

13 and

14 Section 16-47. “Maintenance of stops.”

15 to be

16 Section 16-47. “Maintenance of private stops.”

17 Baltimore City Code

18 (Edition 2000)

19 BY adding

20 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

21 Section(s) 23-1 to 23-5, to be under the new subtitle:

22 “Subtitle 23. Bus Lanes and Stops”

23 Baltimore City Code

24 (Edition 2000)

25 BY repealing and reordaining, without amendments

26 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

27 Section(s) 31-7(b)

28 Baltimore City Code

29 (Edition 2000)

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

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1 BY adding
2 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
3 Section(s) 31-110 and 36-4(6)
4 Baltimore City Code
5 (Edition 2000)

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

8 **Baltimore City Code**

9 **Article 31. Transit and Traffic**

10 **Subtitle 16. Use-of-the-Road Regulations**

11 ***Part 7. Buses; PRIVATE Transit Loading Zones***

12 **§ 16-47. Maintenance of PRIVATE stops.**

13 **SUBTITLE 23. BUS LANES AND STOPS**

14 **§ 23-1. DEFINITIONS.**

15 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

16 IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

17 (B) *BUS LANE.*

18 “BUS LANE” MEANS A PORTION OF A CITY STREET DESIGNATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE USE
19 OF BUSES.

20 (C) *BUS STOP.*

21 “BUS STOP” MEANS A PORTION OF A CITY STREET ADJACENT TO THE EDGE OF THE STREET
22 DESIGNATED FOR THE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF PASSENGERS FROM BUSES.

23 (D) *DIRECTOR.*

24 “DIRECTOR” MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION.

25 **§ 23-2 RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

26 (A) *DOT TO ADOPT.*

27 THE DIRECTOR MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.

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1 (B) *FILING WITH LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE.*

2 A COPY OF ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MUST BE FILED
3 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BEFORE THEY BECOME EFFECTIVE.

4 **§ 23-3. DESIGNATION OF BUS LANES AND STOPS.**

5 THE DIRECTOR MAY DESIGNATE BUS LANES AND BUS STOPS ON CITY STREETS.

6 **§ 23-4. MARKINGS.**

7 (A) *ON STREET.*

8 BUS LANES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED ON THE STREET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
9 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FEDERAL HIGHWAY
10 ADMINISTRATION MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES OR OTHER
11 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STANDARDS.

12 (B) *SIGNAGE.*

13 THE APPLICATION AND PLACEMENT OF SIGNS MARKING BUS LANES AND BUS STOPS MUST
14 CONFORM TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FEDERAL
15 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

16 **§ 23-5. PARKING RESTRICTIONS.**

17 NO MOTOR VEHICLE MAY PARK OR STAND IN AN AREA DESIGNATED AND MARKED AS A BUS
18 LANE OR A BUS STOP.

19 **Subtitle 31. Clear Streets and Impoundment**

20 ***Part 2. General Conditions Warranting Impoundment***

21 **§ 31-7. Vehicles illegally parked, etc.**

22 (b) *Removal of vehicles – Impounding areas.*

23 (1) In the impounding areas designated in Part 7 of this subtitle, the Department of
24 Transportation shall post conspicuous signs warning the public of the restricted hours
25 and bearing the statement "Cars Towed Away" or "Tow Away Zone".

26 (2) In an impounding area in which the required signs have been clearly posted, the
27 Police Commissioner may cause vehicles that are illegally parked, standing, or
28 stopped to be removed and impounded.

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Part 7. Impounding Areas

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§ 31-110. BUS LANES.

WITHIN ANY BUS LANE OR BUS STOP DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO § 23-3
{“DESIGNATION OF BUS LANES AND STOPS”} OF THIS ARTICLE.

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

§ 36-4. \$250 fines.

(6) PARKING OR STANDING IN A BUS LANE OR A BUS STOP IN VIOLATION OF § 23-5 {“PARKING
RESTRICTIONS”} OF THIS ARTICLE IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$250.

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

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