

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0019
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Costello, President Young, Councilmembers Dorsey, Scott,
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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Bike Lanes – Increased Parking Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing for the towing of vehicles in properly marked and designated bike
4 lanes; increasing the fine for parking or standing in a bike lane; and generally relating to bike
5 lanes.

6 BY repealing and reordaining, without amendments

7 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

8 Section(s) 31-7(b)

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

11 BY adding

12 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

13 Section(s) 31-109

14 Baltimore City Code

15 (Edition 2000)

16 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

17 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

18 Section(s) 36-4 and 36-6

19 Baltimore City Code

20 (Edition 2000)

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

23 **Baltimore City Code**

24 **Article 31. Transit and Traffic**

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

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

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

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§ 31-7. Vehicles illegally parked, etc.

(b) Removal of vehicles – Impounding areas.

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

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

Part 7. Impounding Areas

§ 31-109. BIKE LANES.

WITHIN ANY BIKE LANE DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO § 20-3 {“DESIGNATION OF BIKE LANES”} OF THIS ARTICLE.

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

§ 36-4. \$250 fines.

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

(2) Obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic within an intersection or a marked crosswalk or by a commercial vehicle is punishable by a fine of \$250.

(3) Parking, stopping, or standing in a manner that obstructs or impedes the free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic along a block face abutting or immediately across the street from the grounds of a building used as a public or private kindergarten, elementary school, or secondary school, on any school day between the hours of 7 a.m and 9 a.m. or between the hours of 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., is punishable by a fine of \$250.

(4) Parking or standing a camping trailer, mobile home, motor home, or travel trailer in violation of § 6-29(b) {“Camping trailers, mobile homes, motor homes and travel trailers: Stopping by residence”} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$250.

(5) PARKING OR STANDING IN A BIKE LANE IN VIOLATION OF § 20-5 {“PARKING RESTRICTIONS”} OF THIS ARTICLE IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$250.

36-6. \$75 fines.

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

(2) Obstructing or impeding the movement of pedestrians is punishable by a fine of \$75.

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- 1 (3) Standing within 15 feet of a fire plug or fire hydrant in violation of § 6-6(a) {"Fire
2 hydrants"} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$75.
- 3 (4) Stopping in front of or opposite a fire engine house in violation of § 6-6(c) {"Engine
4 houses"} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$75.
- 5 (5) Stopping or parking in a transit stop is punishable by a fine of \$75.
- 6 (6) Parking or standing a noncommercial vehicle of more than 20,000 pounds gross weight or
7 a commercial vehicle of 20,000 pounds or less gross weight in violation of § 6-26(c)
8 {"Nighttime hours"} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$75.
- 9 [(7) Parking or standing in a bike lane in violation of § 20-5 {"Parking restrictions"} of this
10 article is punishable by a fine of \$75.]

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

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