

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 18-0251
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: President Young, Councilmembers Dorsey, Bullock, Pinkett, Cohen, Clarke,
Stokes, Middleton, Sneed, Scott, Burnett, Schleifer

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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Obstructing Traffic in an Intersection – \$125 Fine**

3 FOR the purpose of changing the fine for obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic within
4 an intersection or a marked crosswalk from \$250 to \$125; clarifying and conforming related
5 provisions; and generally relating to fines for obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic.

6 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

7 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

8 Section(s) 36-4(2) and 35-5(3)

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

11 BY adding

12 Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

13 Section(s) 36-4.1

14 Baltimore City Code

15 (Edition 2000)

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

18 **Baltimore City Code**

19 **Article 31. Transit and Traffic**

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

21 **§ 36-4. \$250 fines.**

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

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

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1 **§ 36-4.1. \$125 FINES.**

2 OBSTRUCTING OR IMPEDING THE FREE FLOW OF TRAFFIC WITHIN AN INTERSECTION OR A
3 MARKED CROSSWALK IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$125.

4 **§ 36-5. \$100 fines.**

5 (3) (i) Parking, stopping, or standing in a manner that obstructs or impedes the free flow of
6 vehicular or pedestrian traffic is punishable by a fine of \$100, subject to the
7 requirements of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph (3).

8 (ii) (A) Except as provided in sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (ii), the
9 Transportation Department may not issue a citation for this offense unless:

10 1. it first issues a written warning, ordering the obstruction or impediment to
11 be removed within 15 minutes of the warning; and

12 2. the obstruction or impediment is not removed within the specified time.

13 (B) This subparagraph (ii) does not apply, and a citation may be issued
14 without a prior warning, on a street marked as a snow emergency route at any time
15 between the hours of 7 a.m and 9:30 a.m. or between the hours of 4 p.m. and 6
16 p.m.

17 (iii) This paragraph (3) does not apply to an obstruction or impediment:

18 (A) [within an intersection or a marked crosswalk or] by a commercial vehicle, as
19 provided in § 36-4(2) of this subtitle; [or]

20 (B) along a block face abutting or across from the grounds of a school, as provided in
21 § 36-4(3) of this subtitle; OR

22 (C) WITHIN AN INTERSECTION OR A MARKED CROSSWALK AS PROVIDED IN § 36-4.1 OF
23 THIS SUBTITLE.

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

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