

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E PUGH, Mayor



June 18, 2018

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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Baltimore, Maryland 21202

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 18-0251 – Obstructing Traffic in an Intersection –  
\$125 Fine

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0251 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill provides for changing the fine for obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic within an intersection or a marked crosswalk from \$250 to \$125. The bill also provides that “obstruction or impeding the free flow of traffic by a commercial vehicle” will still carry a \$250 fine. However, obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic within an intersection or marked crosswalk” will carry a fine of \$125.

The Mayor and City Council the power, by ordinance, to regulate traffic and provide for fines and penalties. Baltimore City Charter Art. II, Sec. 38(d) and 48. This bill is consistent with that authority.

The Law Department, therefore, approves this bill for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Elena R. DiPietro'.

Elena R. DiPietro  
Chief Solicitor

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