

TRANSMITTAL MEMO

TO: Council President Sharon Green Middleton

FROM: Peter Little, Executive Director



DATE: May 6, 2019

RE: Council Bill 19-0366



**PARKING**  
OF BALTIMORE CITY  
**AUTHORITY**

I am herein reporting on **City Council Bill 19-0366, Commercial Parking Facilities - Revisions**

The purpose of this bill is to revise the City's ordinances regarding parking facilities; clarify the application of Article 15, Subtitle 12 as it relates to commercial parking facilities; require that commercial parking facilities provide proof of payment; prohibit certain commercial facilities from removing motor vehicles without the owner's consent; increase certain fines; conform and clarify related provisions; and generally regulate commercial parking facilities.

The Parking Authority oversees multiple City-owned parking facilities, including parking garages and parking lots, for the City of Baltimore (the City). The City owns sixteen (16) metered lots with nine hundred and sixty-nine (969) public parking spaces that would be commercial parking facilities as defined by Council Bill 19-0366. Many parking meters on these lots do not provide receipts for cash payments, so the Parking Authority respectfully requests an exemption for City-owned metered parking lots to allow for towing from these facilities. This exception could be provided in Section 12-1 or 12-2.

There is an error on page 4 in line 30 which currently reads:

§ 12-11. (A) (1) IS NOT COMPLIANCE WITH ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

This should state either "NOT COMPLIANT" or "NOT IN COMPLIANCE"

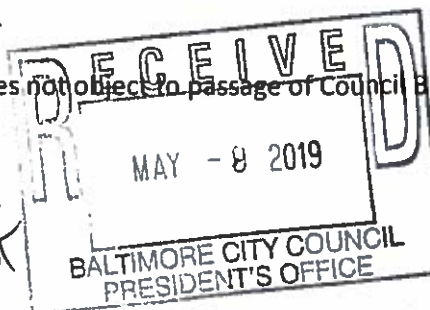
The Parking Authority would like page 1, line 6 to read "prohibiting non-compliant commercial parking facilities from removing motor vehicles without the..."

Passage of this bill may result in some loss of transient public parking supply. Owners/operators of some commercial parking facilities may opt to close their facilities to transient public parking rather than invest in equipment and/or services necessary to provide transient parking customers with receipts. However, we think this loss of transient public parking would not be so severe as to cause or exacerbate parking problems significantly.

With the noted revisions, the Parking Authority does not object to passage of Council Bill 19-0366.

*Does Not*

*object*



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*Peter Little*

