


<b>FROM</b>	<b>NAME &amp; TITLE</b>	Robert Cennamo, Chief <i>for BC</i>	CITY of <b>BALTIMORE</b> <b>MEMO</b>	
	<b>AGENCY NAME &amp; ADDRESS</b>	Bureau of the Budget and Management Research Room 432, City Hall (410) 396-4941		
	<b>SUBJECT</b>	City Council Bill 19-0366 – Commercial Parking Facilities - Revisions		

DATE:

**TO**

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
Room 400, City Hall

May 6, 2019

City Council Bill #19-0366 was created for the purpose of making certain revisions to the City's ordinances regarding parking facilities; clarifying the application of the subtitle as it relates to commercial parking facilities; requiring that commercial parking facilities provide customers with proof-of-payment; prohibiting certain commercial parking facilities from removing motor vehicles without the owner's consent; increasing certain fines; conforming and clarifying related provisions; and generally related to the regulation of commercial parking facilities.

This bill would add provisions to existing City laws governing commercial parking facilities, which are defined as garages, lots, or other structures that can accommodate 3 or more parked vehicles, and charge a fee for parking. The bill would:

- Require facilities to provide written proof of payment to all customers at the time of payment
- Prohibit commercial parking facilities that do not provide proof of payment, operate without a City license, and/or illegally park cars on the street, to tow vehicles away from the facility without the owner's authorization
- Increase fines from \$750 to \$1,000 for violations of the current law for commercial parking facilities, such as operating without an annual license and improperly parking cars on the street

Violators would be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 or prison time for up to six months for each offense. Each vehicle towed illegally counts as a separate offense. The provisions are enforced through City issuance of environmental citations.

There have been few recorded violations of Article 15, Subtitle 12, of the City Code, which regulates parking facilities, suggesting there will be limited fiscal impact of increasing fines for current violations, and a low volume of citations issued for violating the new provisions. With a relatively small number of citations, the City would collect minimal revenue from fines for the new violations and incur minimal costs for enforcement.

There is not likely to be a significant fiscal impact resulting from this legislation, so the Department of Finance has no objection to the passage of Council Bill #19-0366.

cc: Henry Raymond  
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*No objection*

