

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 18-0285**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Dorsey, Scott, Cohen, Burnett, Reisinger  
Introduced and read first time: September 17, 2018  
Assigned to: Transportation Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: February 10, 2020

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**1                    ~~Police Ordinances~~—Repealing the Prohibition on Playing in the Street Fun**

2                    FOR the purpose of repealing the legal prohibition on playing on any street, alley, lane, or other  
3                    public thoroughfare; repealing the prohibition on bicycle coasting and trick riding; and  
4                    conforming related provisions.

5                    BY repealing

6                    Article 19 - Police Ordinances  
7                    Section(s) 50-41 and the Part designation  
8                    “Part 6. Playing Ball, etc.”  
9                    Baltimore City Code  
10                    (Edition 2000)

11                    BY repealing

12                    Article 31 - Transit and Traffic  
13                    Section 18-6  
14                    Baltimore City Code  
15                    (Edition 2000)

16                    BY repealing

17                    Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies  
18                    Section(s) ~~41-4(2)(§ 50-41)~~ 41-14(2)(§ 50-41)  
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 19. Police Ordinances**

25                    **Subtitle 50. Street Regulations**

**EXPLANATION:** CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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**[Part 6. Playing Ball, etc.]**

**[§ 50-41. Playing in street.]**

*[(a) Prohibited conduct.]*

[It is not lawful for any person to play ball, fly a kite, or throw a stone or other object or missile while in or on any street, alley, lane, or other public thoroughfare in this City.]

*[(a-1) Enforcement by citation.]*

[(1) In addition to any other civil or criminal remedy or enforcement procedure, this section may be enforced by issuance of a civil citation under City Code Article 1, Subtitle 41 {"Civil Citations"}.

(2) The issuance of a civil citation to enforce this section does not preclude pursuing any other civil or criminal remedy or enforcement action authorized by law.]

*[(b) Penalties.]*

[Any person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, is subject to a fine not to exceed \$5.]

**Article 31. Transit and Traffic**

**Subtitle 18. Bicycles**

**[§ 18-6. Coasting; trick riding.]**

[It is unlawful for any person riding a bicycle on any of the streets, lanes, alleys, or public ways of this City:

(1) to coast by inertia or momentum without having both feet on the pedals;

(2) to ride without at least 1 hand firmly gripping the handlebars;

(3) to perform any trick or fancy riding; or

(4) to ride in any manner so as not to have the bicycle under control.]

**Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies**

**Subtitle 41. Civil Citations**

**§ 41-14. Offenses to which subtitle applies – Listing.**

*(2) Article 19. Police Ordinances*

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[§ 50-41. Playing, etc., in street, etc.

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

4       **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
5 after the date it is enacted.

Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City