

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0029
(First Reader)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Dorsey, Burnett, Cohen, Bullock

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Assigned to: Ways and Means Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Transportation,
Baltimore City Parking Authority Board, Department of Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Commercial Parking Facilities – Annual License Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of modifying the annual licensing fee for commercial parking facilities within
4 the City of Baltimore and how the fee is calculated; beginning on a certain date, providing for
5 the annual adjustment of the licensing fee for inflation as measured by the Consumer Price
6 Index; and conforming related provisions.

7 BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments

8 Article 15 - Licensing and Regulation

9 Section(s) 12-4

10 Baltimore City Code

11 (Edition 2000)

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

14 **Baltimore City Code**

15 **Article 15. Licensing and Regulation**

16 **Subtitle 12. Commercial Parking Facilities**

17 **§ 12-4. License required; fee.**

18 (a) *In general.*

19 (1) No person may operate a commercial parking facility in the City of Baltimore
20 unless the person has first obtained an annual license for the facility and has
21 paid the annual fee for the license.

22 (2) The term of a license is from May 1 of each year through April 30 of the next
23 year.

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

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1 (b) *[Fee] BASE FEE AMOUNT.*

2 (1) *IN GENERAL.*

3 THE BASE FEE AMOUNT FOR A COMMERCIAL PARKING FACILITY LICENSE IS:

4 (I) \$5.10 FOR THE LICENSE TERM BEGINNING MAY 1, 2020;

5 (II) \$10 FOR THE LICENSE TERM BEGINNING MAY 1, 2021;

6 (III) \$15 FOR THE LICENSE TERM BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022;

7 (IV) \$20 FOR THE LICENSE TERM BEGINNING MAY 1, 2023; AND

8 (V) \$25 FOR THE LICENSE TERM BEGINNING MAY 1, 2024 AND, SUBJECT TO
9 PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH SUBSEQUENT LICENSE TERM.

10 (2) *ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT.*

11 BEGINNING MAY 1, 2025, THE BASE FEE SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH (1)(V) OF THIS
12 SUBSECTION SHALL BE:

13 (I) ADJUSTED ANNUALLY FOR INFLATION IN ACCORDANCE THE CONSUMER PRICE
14 INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS IN THE BALTIMORE-COLUMBIA-TOWSON
15 METROPOLITAN AREA; AND

16 (II) RATIFIED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES.

17 (C) *ANNUAL FEE CALCULATION.*

18 (1) The annual fee for a commercial parking facility license [is \$5.10 for] SHALL BE
19 CALCULATED BY MULTIPLYING THE BASE FEE AMOUNT SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION
20 (B) OF THIS SECTION BY every 100 square feet (or fraction of 100 square feet) of
21 the gross area used for parking facility purposes, including all parking spaces,
22 offices, ramps, driveways, aisles, toilets, car washing, greasing, or other facilities
23 used in connection with the operation of the parking facility.

24 (2) For a license issued after July 31 and before November 1, the fee is 75%
25 of that prescribed for the entire year.

26 (3) For a license issued after October 31 and before February 1, the fee is 50% of that
27 prescribed for the entire year.

28 (4) For a license issued after January 31, the fee is 25% of that prescribed for the entire
29 year.

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1 (D) [(c)] *Partial-year license.*

2 (1) Any person desiring to operate a commercial parking facility for an aggregate of
3 no more than 6 months in any 1 license year may obtain a special partial-year
4 license.

5 (2) The fee for a partial-year license is 1/12 of the annual license fee for each month
6 or fraction of a month that the parking facility is in operation.

7 (E) [(d)] *Online licensee list.*

8 The Director of Finance shall maintain and post on the Department’s website a current
9 list of all commercial parking facilities licensed under this subtitle.

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

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