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**Title:** Vehicles Obstructing Sidewalks - Removal Authorized  
For the purpose of prohibiting vehicles from impeding the free flow of pedestrians on sidewalks; authorizing the removal of vehicles impeding the free flow of pedestrians on sidewalks; clarifying and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to vehicles obstructing traffic.

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**Explanation:** Capitals indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

**\* Warning:** This is an unofficial, introductory copy of the bill.  
The official copy considered by the City Council is the first reader copy.

**Introductory\***

**City of Baltimore  
Council Bill**

Introduced by: Councilmember Dorsey

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning  
**Vehicles Obstructing Sidewalks - Removal Authorized**

For the purpose of prohibiting vehicles from impeding the free flow of pedestrians on sidewalks; authorizing the removal of vehicles impeding the free flow of pedestrians on sidewalks; clarifying and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to vehicles obstructing traffic.

By repealing and reordaining, with amendments  
Article 31 - Transit and Traffic

Section(s) 31-6  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

**Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,** That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

**Baltimore City Code**

**Article 31. Transit and Traffic**

**Subtitle 31. Clear Streets and Impoundment**

***Part 2. General Conditions Warranting Impoundment***

**§ 31-6. Vehicles obstructing traffic.**

(a) *Prohibited conduct.*

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to use [City streets] any City street or sidewalk to park, stop, store, or operate a vehicle or part thereof in such a manner as to obstruct or impede the free flow of traffic thereon or the movement of pedestrians.
- (2) [Determination] A determination by the Commissioner that [such] a vehicle is actually obstructing [traffic as aforesaid shall be considered prima facie evidence of a violation hereof] or impeding the free flow of traffic or the movement of pedestrians creates a rebuttable presumption that a violation of this section has occurred.

(b) *Removal of vehicle.*

- (1) The Commissioner is authorized to cause [such] any vehicle in violation of subsection (a) of this section to be removed immediately so as to clear the [streets] affected street or sidewalk.
- (2) Such removal may be:
  - (i) to another part of the same street;
  - (ii) to a side street; or
  - (iii) effected in the manner [hereinafter] provided for impounded and abandoned motor vehicles in this subtitle.

**Section 2. And be it further ordained,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

**Section 3. And be it further ordained,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.