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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
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INTRODUCTORY\*

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning  
**Transit and Traffic - Bike Lanes**

FOR the purpose of allowing the creation of bike lanes; defining certain terms; prohibiting parking or standing in bike lanes; requiring bike-safe grates in bike lanes; imposing certain penalties; and generally relating to bike lanes on City streets.

BY adding

Article 31 - Transit and Traffic  
Section(s) 20-1 to 20-8, to be under the new subtitle designation,  
“Subtitle 20. Bike Lanes”  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 31 - Transit and Traffic  
Section(s) 36-8  
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 20. BIKE LANES

§ 20-1. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) BIKE LANE.

“BIKE LANE” MEANS A PORTION OF A CITY STREET DESIGNATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE SINGLE DIRECTIONAL FLOW OF NONMOTORIZED VEHICLES.

(C) DIRECTOR.

“DIRECTOR” MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION.

§ 20-2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(A) DOT TO ADOPT.

THE DIRECTOR MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) FILING WITH LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE.

A COPY OF ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MUST BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BEFORE THEY BECOME EFFECTIVE.

§ 20-3. DESIGNATION OF BIKE LANES.

THE DIRECTOR MAY DESIGNATE 4' TO 5' WIDE STRIPS ON CITY STREETS AS BIKE LANES.

§ 20-5. MARKINGS.

(A) ON STREET.

BIKE LANES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED ON THE STREET WITH 2 SOLID WHITE LINES AND A BIKE SYMBOL.

(B) SIGNAGE.

(1) SIGNS MUST BE INSTALLED MARKING THE BEGINNING AND ENDING OF A BIKE LANE.

(2) SIGNS MAY BE INSTALLED TO INDICATE THE CONTINUATION OF A BIKE LANE.

(3) THESE SIGNS MUST:

(I) BE IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(II) INDICATE THAT PARKING OR STANDING IS PROHIBITED IN A BIKE LANE.

§ 20-4. BIKE LANE PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

NO MOTOR VEHICLE MAY PARK OR STAND IN AN AREA DESIGNATED AND MARKED AS A BIKE LANE.

§§ 20-6 TO 20-7. {RESERVED}

§ 20-8. “BIKE-SAFE” GRATES REQUIRED.

AFTER AN AREA HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A BIKE LANE BY THE DIRECTOR, ALL DRAINAGE GRATES WITHIN THE BIKE LANE MUST BE PLACED SO THAT THE GAPS BETWEEN THE BARS ON THE GRATES ARE PERPENDICULAR TO THE DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC.

SUBTITLE 36. PARKING, ETC., FINES, PENALTIES, AND PROCEDURES

§ 368. \$50 fines.

- (1) Parking on a Snow Emergency Route in violation of § 6-15 {“Snow emergency routes”} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$50.
- (2) Obstructing or impeding the movement of pedestrians is punishable by a fine of \$50.
- (3) Standing within 15 feet of a fire plug or fire hydrant in violation of § 66(a) {“Engine hydrants”} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$50.
- (4) Stopping in front of or opposite a fire engine house in violation of § 6-6(c) {“Engine houses”} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$50.
- (5) Stopping or parking in a transit stop is punishable by a fine of \$50.
- (6) Parking or standing a noncommercial vehicle of more than 20,000 pounds gross weight or a commercial vehicle of 20,000 pounds or less gross weight in violation of § 626(c) {“Nighttime hours”} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$50.
- (7) PARKING OR STANDING IN A BIKE LANE IN VIOLATION OF § 20-4 {“BIKE LANE PARKING RESTRICTIONS”} OF THIS ARTICLE IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$50.

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 30th day after the date it is enacted.

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