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INTRODUCTORY*
CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning
Required Parking for Bicycles

FOR the purpose of requiring certain new or expanded structures, premises, and uses to provide bicycle parking that meets certain standards; defining and redefining certain terms; imposing certain penalties; allowing for the issuance of variances from bicycle parking requirements; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to required parking spaces for bicycles.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article - Zoning
Section(s) 1-162, 10-101, 10-206, 10-207(a), (c), and (d), 10-301(c)(1) and (2),
10-305, 10-306, 10-307, 10-308(a), 10-402, and 10-405(intro)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

BY adding

Article - Zoning
Section(s) 1-116.1, 1-168.2, 10-311, 10-406, and 15-208(d)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

BY repealing and reordaining, without amendments

Article - Zoning
Section(s) 10-201
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 - Zoning

Title 1. Definitions; General Provisions

Subtitle 1. Definitions

§ 1-116.1. BICYCLE.

“BICYCLE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 11-104 {“BICYCLE”} OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

§ 1162. Motor vehicle.

“Motor vehicle” has the meaning stated in §11135 {“MOTOR VEHICLE”} of the State Transportation Article.

§ 1-168.2. PARKING FACILITY, PARKING SPACE, ETC.

“PARKING FACILITY”, “PARKING SPACE”, “VEHICULAR PARKING SPACE”, AND “BICYCLE PARKING SPACE” HAVE THE MEANINGS STATED IN § 10-101 {“OFF-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS: DEFINITIONS”} OF THIS ARTICLE.

Title 10. OffStreet Parking Regulations

Subtitle 1. Definitions; Overview

§ 10101. Definitions.

(a) In general.

In this title, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

(B) BICYCLE PARKING SPACE.

“BICYCLE PARKING SPACE” MEANS A DESIGNATED AREA, WHETHER OPEN OR ENCLOSED, THAT IS USED FOR THE OFFSTREET PARKING OF A BICYCLE.

(C) PARKING FACILITY.

“PARKING FACILITY” MEANS A FACILITY THAT IS USED FOR THE OFF-STREET PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES OR BICYCLES.

(D) [(b)] Parking space.

“Parking space” means a designated area, whether open or enclosed, that is used for the offstreet parking of a motor

vehicle OR A BICYCLE.

(E) [(c)] Stacking space.

“Stacking space” means offstreet space allocated for the temporary standing of motor vehicles awaiting entry to a particular establishment.

(F) VEHICLE PARKING SPACE.

“VEHICLE PARKING SPACE” MEANS A DESIGNATED AREA, WHETHER OPEN OR ENCLOSED, THAT IS USED FOR THE OFFSTREET PARKING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.

Subtitle 2. Scope and Applicability

§ 10201. New structures and uses.

For all newlyerected structures and all newlyestablished uses of land, accessory offstreet parking facilities must be provided for that structure and use, as required by this title.

§ 10206. Spaces to be used exclusively for parking.

(a) In general.

(1) All VEHICLE parking spaces required by this title must be used solely for the parking of motor vehicles.

(2) ALL BICYCLE PARKING SPACES REQUIRED BY THIS TITLE MUST BE USED SOLELY FOR THE PARKING OF BICYCLES.

(b) Specifically prohibited uses.

(1) In no event, may required parking spaces be used for the temporary or permanent storage of vehicles for sale or hire.

(2) No [motor] vehicle repair work or service of any kind, except emergency repair service, is permitted in any parking spaces.

§ 10207. Exemptions; special provisions.

(a) In Business or Industrial District.

(1) Except as specified in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if the application of this title results in a requirement of no more than 2 VEHICLE PARKING spaces on a single lot in a Business or Industrial District, those offstreet parking spaces need not be provided.

(2) This subsection, however, does not apply to offstreet parking required for dwelling and efficiency units.

(c) For public housing.

No more than 1 VEHICLE parking space need be provided for every 2 dwelling units in dwellings erected or rehabilitated to be sold to, to be developed by, or to be developed for the use of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City for low-rent public housing.

(d) For elderly.

No more than 1 VEHICLE parking space need be provided for every 4 units designed for occupancy by the elderly in:

- (1) a federally-assisted private or public housing dwelling; or
- (2) housing for the elderly.

Subtitle 3. General Requirements

§ 10301. Plot plan.

(c) Required reviews.

(1) If a proposed new or expanded use [provides] CALLS for 5 or more new VEHICLE parking spaces, the Zoning Administrator must forward the plot plan for that use to:

(i) the Department of Planning; and

(ii) the Department of Public Works.

(2) The Department of Public Works must determine:

(i) compliance with:

(A) drainage requirements;

(B) sidewalk, curb, and driveway requirements; and

(C) other relevant standards adopted by the Department of Public Works; and

(ii) the adequacy of:

(A) ingress and egress provisions for BICYCLE AND vehicular movement;

(B) safety provisions for pedestrian, BICYCLE, and vehicular traffic; and

(C) all safeguards needed to ensure a minimum of disruption to public right-of-way and a maximum of safety.

§ 10305. Minimum size, CAPACITY of space.

(A) VEHICLE PARKING SPACES.

Each VEHICLE parking space must be at least 180 square feet, exclusive of access drives or aisles.

(B) BICYCLE PARKING SPACES.

- (1) EACH BICYCLE PARKING SPACE MUST BE:
- (I) FOR AN OUTDOOR SPACE, AT LEAST 4 FEET BY 6 FEET; AND
- (II) FOR AN ENCLOSED SPACE, AT LEAST 15 SQUARE FEET OF OPEN FLOOR AREA.
- (2) EACH BICYCLE PARKING SPACE MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH A BICYCLE RACK OR LOCKER THAT CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 2 BICYCLES PER RACK OR LOCKER.

§ 10306. Required access.

- (a) To street or alley.

Each VEHICLE parking space must be designed with safe and efficient means of vehicular access to:

- (1) a street; or
- (2) an alley at least 15 feet wide.
- (b) Design of driveways and ramps.

In establishing VEHICLE parking spaces under this title, driveways or access ramps must be designed and constructed in a way that permits vehicles to enter or leave the parking spaces without having to move any other vehicle onto the public way.

§ 10307. Surfacing.

- (a) In general.

Except as specified in subsection (b) of this section, VEHICLE parking spaces must be surfaced and maintained with a dustless all-weather material in accordance with the Building Code of Baltimore City.

- (b) Single- and 2-family dwellings.

For single- and 2-family dwellings, a VEHICLE parking space may consist of 2 parallel paved parking strips, each of which is at least 18 inches wide and at least 20 feet long.

§ 10308. Screening and landscaping near Residence or Office-Residence Districts.

- (a) When screening required.

Screening is required for any parking facility with 5 or more VEHICLE parking spaces, if the facility:

- (1) either adjoins or is within 100 feet of a lot in a Residence or Office-Residence District; and

(2) is visible from the ground level of the Residence or OfficeResidence District.

§ 10311. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR BICYCLE PARKING.

EACH BICYCLE PARKING SPACE MUST BE:

- (1) PROVIDED IN A SAFE AND SECURE LOCATION THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL PROPERTY USERS;
- (2) AT LEAST AS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AS THE MOST CONVENIENT PARKING SPACE NOT RESERVED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES; AND
- (3) CLEARLY LABELED AS RESERVED FOR BICYCLE PARKING.

Subtitle 4. Required Number of OffStreet Spaces

§ 10402. Computation of spaces.

(a) Fractional spaces.

When the application of this [subtitle] TITLE results in a requirement for a fractional PARKING space:

- (1) any fraction less than ½ may be disregarded; and
- (2) any fraction of ½ or more counts as 1 parking space.

(b) Employeebased requirements.

Where VEHICLE parking spaces are required on a numberofemployee basis, the spaces must be computed on the greatest number of onduty employees on the premises at any one time.

(c) Ratedcapacitybased requirements.

Where VEHICLE parking spaces are required on a ratedcapacityinpersons basis, the “rated capacity” is the maximum number of people that, as determined by the Zoning Administrator, may reasonably be accommodated by the use at any one time.

§ 10405. [Schedule of required] REQUIRED NUMBER OF VEHICLE PARKING spaces.

Offstreet VEHICLE parking spaces must be provided as follows:

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§ 10406. REQUIRED NUMBER OF BICYCLE PARKING SPACES.

(A) IN GENERAL.

1 BICYCLE PARKING SPACE MUST BE PROVIDED FOR EVERY 10 VEHICLE PARKING SPACES REQUIRED BY THIS TITLE.

(B) VEHICLE PARKING SPACE OFFSET.

THE NUMBER OF VEHICLE PARKING SPACES REQUIRED BY THIS TITLE IS REDUCED BY 1 FOR EACH BICYCLE PARKING SPACE PROVIDED AS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

Title 15. Variances

Subtitle 2. Authorized Variances; Required Findings

Part I. Authorized Variances

§ 15208. Offstreet parking - in general.

(D) BICYCLE PARKING SPACE.

A VARIANCE MAY AUTHORIZE A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF BICYCLE PARKING SPACES THAT ARE REQUIRED BY THE APPLICABLE REGULATIONS.

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 185th day after the date it is enacted.

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