



Legislation Details (With Text)

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Title: Obstructing Traffic in an Intersection - \$125 Fine
For the purpose of changing the fine for obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic within an intersection or a marked crosswalk from \$250 to \$125; clarifying and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to fines for obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic.

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9/17/2018	0	Mayor	Signed by Mayor	
7/9/2018	0	City Council	Approved and Sent to the Mayor	
6/25/2018	0	City Council	3rd Reader, for final passage	
6/25/2018	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Recommended Favorably	
6/19/2018	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Recommended Favorably	Pass
6/11/2018	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Scheduled for a Public Hearing	
6/7/2018	0	The City Council	Refer to Dept. of Transportation	
6/7/2018	0	The City Council	Refer to City Solicitor	
6/7/2018	0	The City Council	Refer to Dept. of Finance	
6/4/2018	0	City Council	Assigned	
6/4/2018	0	City Council	Introduced	

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: President Young

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

Obstructing Traffic in an Intersection - \$125 Fine

For the purpose of changing the fine for obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic within an intersection or a marked crosswalk from \$250 to \$125; clarifying and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to fines for obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic.

By repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Section(s) 36-4(2) and 35-5(3)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

By adding

Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Section(s) 36-4.1
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 36. Parking, etc., Fines, Penalties, and Procedures

§ 36-4. \$250 fines.

(2) Obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic [within an intersection or a marked crosswalk or] by a commercial vehicle is punishable by a fine of \$250.

§ 36-4.1. \$125 fines.

Obstructing or impeding the free flow of traffic within an intersection or a marked crosswalk is punishable by a fine of \$125.

§ 36-5. \$100 fines.

(3) (i) Parking, stopping, or standing in a manner that obstructs or impedes the free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic is punishable by a fine of \$100, subject to the requirements of subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph (3).

(ii) (A) Except as provided in sub-subparagraph (B) of this subparagraph (ii), the Transportation Department may not issue a citation for this offense unless:

1. it first issues a written warning, ordering the obstruction or impediment to be removed within 15 minutes of the warning; and
2. the obstruction or impediment is not removed within the specified time.

(B) This subparagraph (ii) does not apply, and a citation may be issued without a prior warning, on a street marked as a snow emergency route at any time between the hours of 7 a.m and 9:30 a.m. or between the hours of 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

(iii) This paragraph (3) does not apply to an obstruction or impediment:

(A) [within an intersection or a marked crosswalk or] by a commercial vehicle, as provided in § 36-4(2) of this subtitle; [or]

(B) along a block face abutting or across from the grounds of a school, as provided in § 36-4(3) of this subtitle; or

(D) within an intersection or a marked crosswalk as provided in § 36-4.1 of 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 30th day after the date it is enacted.