



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

**City of Baltimore
Council Bill**

Introduced by: Councilmember Costello

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning
Bike Lanes - Increased Parking Penalties

For the purpose of allowing for the towing of vehicles in properly marked and designated bike lanes; increasing the fine for parking or standing in a bike lane; and generally relating to bike lanes.

By repealing and reordaining, without amendments
Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Section(s) 31-7(b)
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

By adding
Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Section(s) 31-109
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

By repealing and reordaining, with amendments
Article 31 - Transit and Traffic
Section(s) 36-4 and 36-6
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

§ 31-7. Vehicles illegally parked, etc.

(b) Removal of vehicles - Impounding areas.

- (1) In the impounding areas designated in Part 7 of this subtitle, the Department of Transportation shall post conspicuous signs warning the public of the restricted hours and bearing the statement “Cars Towed Away” or “Tow Away Zone”.
- (2) *In an impounding area in which the required signs have been clearly posted, the Police Commissioner may cause vehicles that are illegally parked, standing, or stopped to be removed and impounded.*

Part 7. Impounding Areas

§ 31-109. Bike lanes.

Within any bike lane designated by the Director pursuant to § 20-3 {“Designation of bike lanes”} of this article.

Subtitle 36. Parking, etc., Fines, Penalties, and Procedures

§ 36-4. \$250 fines.

- (1) 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 vehicle weight in violation of § 6-26(b) {“Stopping by residence”} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$250.
- (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.
- (3) Parking, stopping, or standing in a manner that obstructs or impedes the free flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic along a block face abutting or immediately across the street from the grounds of a building used as a public or private kindergarten, elementary school, or secondary school, on any school day between the hours of 7 a.m and 9 a.m. or between the hours of 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., is punishable by a fine of \$250.
- (4) Parking or standing a camping trailer, mobile home, motor home, or travel trailer in violation of § 6-29 (b) {“Camping trailers, mobile homes, motor homes and travel trailers: Stopping by residence”} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$250.
- (5) Parking or standing in a bike lane in violation of § 20-5 {“Parking restrictions”} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$250.

36-6. \$75 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 \$75.

- (2) Obstructing or impeding the movement of pedestrians is punishable by a fine of \$75.
- (3) Standing within 15 feet of a fire plug or fire hydrant in violation of § 6-6(a) {"Fire hydrants"} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$75.
- (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 \$75.
- (5) Stopping or parking in a transit stop is punishable by a fine of \$75.
- (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 § 6-26(c) {"Nighttime hours"} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$75.
- [(7) Parking or standing in a bike lane in violation of § 20-5 {"Parking restrictions"} of this article is punishable by a fine of \$75.]

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.