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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 12

Bill No. 49 -2020

Introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT prohibiting parking in a bike lane; defining certain terms; and generally related to parking control in Howard County.

Introduced and read first time September 8, 2020. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order Diane Schwartz Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on September 21, 2020.

By order Diane Schwartz Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on October 5, 2020 and Passed , Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order Diane Schwartz Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Scaled with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 6th day of October, 2020 at 2:45 a.m./p.m.

By order Diane Schwartz Jones
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive October 7, 2020

Cabria Ball
Cabria Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **Section 1. Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the Howard
2 County Code is amended as follows:

3 *By adding:*

4 *Title 21 - Traffic Control and Transportation*

5 *Subtitle 1. - Definitions; General Provisions*

6 *Section 21.101. - Definitions.*

7 *Subsection (b-1)*

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9 *By amending:*

10 *Title 21 - Traffic Control and Transportation*

11 *Subtitle 2. - Standing, Stopping, And Parking of Vehicles; Automated*
12 *Enforcement*

13 *Section 21.121 "Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in specified spaces"*

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15 **Title 21 - Traffic Control and Transportation**

16 **Subtitle 1 - Definitions; General Provisions**

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18 **Section. 21.101. - Definitions.**

19 (B-1) *BIKE LANE* SHALL MEAN ANY PORTION OF A ROADWAY OR SHOULDER DESIGNATED FOR
20 SINGLE DIRECTIONAL BICYCLE FLOW AND THAT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED FOR PREFERENTIAL
21 OR EXCLUSIVE USE BY BICYCLISTS BY A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE.

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23 **Title 21 - Traffic Control and Transportation**

24 **Subtitle 2 - Standing, Stopping, And Parking of Vehicles; Automated Enforcement**

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26 **Section 21.221. - Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in specified places.**

27 (a) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with law or
28 directions of a Police Officer or traffic control device, an individual may not stop, stand, or park a
29 vehicle:

- 1 (1) In front of or within five feet of a public driveway, or within a private driveway,
2 without the consent of the owner or occupant of the premises;
- 3 (2) Within an intersection;
- 4 (3) Within a tee or modified tee turnaround;
- 5 (4) On a sidewalk or pathway;
- 6 (5) On a pedestrian or school crosswalk;
- 7 (6) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb;
- 8 (7) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping,
9 standing or parking would obstruct traffic;
- 10 (8) Upon any bridge (or other elevated structure);
- 11 (9) Within a highway tunnel;
- 12 (10) On any ramp entering onto or exiting from any highway;
- 13 (11) On any property of the Howard County Board of Education where an official sign
14 or curb markings prohibit or restrict such parking;
- 15 (12) At any place where an official sign or curb markings prohibit stopping, standing or
16 parking;
- 17 (13) Within 30 feet to the approach to any official regulatory signal, sign or traffic-
18 control device located on the side of the roadway, with the exception of parking
19 signs;
- 20 (14) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;
- 21 (15) On the traveled portion of any roadway;
- 22 (16) Within 100 feet to the approach of an intersecting street, highway or commercial
23 private property driveway, except in any residentially zoned district;
- 24 (17) In any hazardous or congested parking area posted as a no-parking, tow-away zone;
- 25 (18) Adjacent to the center island of a cul-de-sac; [[or]]
- 26 (19) Except as specifically authorized by section 21.207 of this subtitle, in a space posted
27 for a plug-in vehicle[.]OR
- 28 (20) IN A BIKE LANE.

29 (b) The Police Department may impound a vehicle for a violation of subsection (a)(1), (2), (3),
30 (4), (5), (7), (8), (9), (10), (14), (15), (17), [[or (19)]](19), OR (20) of this section.

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1 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that
2 *this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*