

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 8

Bill No. 32-25

Councilmembers Jones, Patoka & Marks

By the County Council, April 21, 2025

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Large Truck and Commercial Vehicle Parking – Penalties

FOR the purpose of establishing escalating fines for tractors-trailers that repeatedly violate the prohibition on parking in residential zones or within a certain distance of a residential zone during a certain time; ~~clarifying the authority of the County to tow a tractor-trailer that is in violation of such parking prohibitions after a certain number of offenses within one year;~~ and generally relating to parking.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Sections 18-2-202(c), 18-2-206, and 18-2-216
Article 18 – Transportation
Title 2 – Vehicles and Traffic
Subtitle 2 – Stopping, Standing, and Parking – In General
Baltimore County Code, 2015

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County read as follows:

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4 ARTICLE 18 – TRANSPORTATION

5 Title 2 – Vehicles and Traffic

6 Subtitle 2 – Stopping, Standing, and Parking – In General
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8 § 18-2-202. Obstruction of streets and alleys.

9 (c) (1) If a vehicle is parked, stopped, or left unattended in a manner that prevents or
10 impedes the free passage of any other vehicle, the Chief of Police or the Director of Permits,
11 Approvals, and Inspections may tow the vehicle after making a reasonable attempt to locate the
12 owner or, if the owner is known, the owner refuses to remove the vehicle.

13 (2) [This subsection also applies to a vehicle parked in violation of Section 18-2-
14 206.

15 (3)] The owner of a vehicle towed under this subsection shall pay all towing fees.
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17 § 18-2-206. Parking a commercial vehicle in a residential zone.

18 (a) This section applies to residential zones as provided in the county zoning regulations.

19 (b) This section does not apply to the following vehicles even if they are used for
20 commercial purposes:

21 (1) Private passenger type vehicles, including automobiles, minivans, passenger
22 vans, station wagons, and sport utility vehicles;

23 (2) Pickup trucks; and

1 (3) Panel-body delivery trucks having not more than three-quarters of a ton
2 manufacturer's rating capacity.

3 (c) (1) A person may not park or stand a commercial vehicle on any public road,
4 street, or way within a residential zone in the county, unless parking or standing the commercial
5 vehicle is essential to the immediate use then being made of the commercial vehicle.

6 (2) A person may not park or stand a recreational vehicle on any public road,
7 street, or way within a residential zone in the county, except during a 24-hour period for the
8 purpose of loading or unloading.

9 (d) A person may not park or stand a commercial vehicle on any public road, street,
10 alley, or way north of Tangier Drive and west of Earls Road in the MD 43 Overlay District. This
11 prohibition shall not apply to any private road within the MD 43 Overlay District.

12 (e) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

13 (f) (1) If the commercial vehicle parked in violation of this section consists of a
14 tractor, trailer, or a combination tractor-trailer, [the] A person [violating] WHO VIOLATES this
15 section is subject to [a fine of \$250 each for the tractor or trailer and \$500 for a tractor and
16 trailer, in combination, for each day the violation exists] THE FOLLOWING FINES:

17 (I) FOR THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD VIOLATION WITHIN
18 ONE YEAR OF THE FIRST VIOLATION, THE FINE SHALL BE \$250 EACH FOR A
19 TRACTOR OR TRAILER SEPARATELY OR \$500 FOR A TRACTOR AND TRAILER, IN
20 COMBINATION.

21 (II) FOR THE FOURTH VIOLATION WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE
22 FIRST VIOLATION, THE FINE SHALL BE \$500 EACH FOR A TRACTOR OR TRAILER
23 SEPARATELY OR \$750 FOR A TRACTOR AND TRAILER, IN COMBINATION.

1 (III) FOR THE FIFTH OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION WITHIN ONE
2 YEAR OF THE FIRST VIOLATION, THE FINE SHALL BE \$750 EACH FOR A TRACTOR
3 OR TRAILOR SEPARATELY OR \$1,000 FOR A TRACTOR AND TRAILER, IN
4 COMBINATION, ~~AND THE COUNTY MAY TOW THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER IN THE~~
5 ~~SAME MANNER AS SET FORTH IN § 18-2-202 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

6 (2) IF THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKED IN VIOLATION OF THIS
7 SECTION IS NOT A TRACTOR, TRAILER, OR A COMBINATION TRACTOR-TRAILER,
8 A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF \$250.

9 (3) EACH DAY A VIOLATION EXISTS SHALL CONSTITUTE A
10 SEPARATE VIOLATION.

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12 § 18-2-216. Restrictions on parking large trucks.

13 (a) Except as otherwise specified, a PERSON MAY NOT PARK OR STAND A tractor,
14 trailer, or combination tractor-trailer ~~may not~~:

15 (1) ~~Park or stand~~ between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any public
16 road, street, alley, or way that is within 1,000 feet of a residential zone in the county; or

17 (2) ~~Park or stand~~ in such a manner that any part of the vehicle or trailer, fully or
18 partially obstructs a designated bike lane unless parking or standing is essential to the immediate
19 loading or unloading of cargo.

20 (b) This section does not apply to:

21 (1) Service vehicles owned or operated by the county or a public utility; or

22 (2) Emergency vehicles of the Baltimore County police or fire departments or a
23 volunteer ambulance service.

1 (c) (1) A [vehicle parked in violation of] PERSON WHO VIOLATES subsection
2 (a)(1) of this section is subject to [a fine of \$250.] THE FOLLOWING FINES:

3 (I) FOR THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD VIOLATION WITHIN
4 ONE YEAR OF THE FIRST VIOLATION, THE FINE SHALL BE \$250 EACH FOR A
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13 COMBINATION, ~~AND THE COUNTY MAY TOW THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER IN THE~~
14 ~~SAME MANNER AS SET FORTH IN § 18-2-202 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

15 (2) A [vehicle parked in violation of] PERSON WHO VIOLATES subsection
16 (a)(2) of this section is subject to a fine of \$100.

17 (3) Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate violation.
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19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
20 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect 14 days after its
21 enactment.



LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION

DISPOSITION

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EFFECTIVE

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