

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2016, Legislative Day No. 13

Bill No. 52-16

Councilmembers Quirk, Almond, Jones & Bevins

By the County Council, August 1, 2016

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Parking

FOR the purpose of increasing the penalties applicable to the unlawful parking of certain commercial vehicles in residential zones of the County; authorizing the towing of vehicles under certain circumstances by certain persons; and generally relating to the penalties for unlawful parking or standing of vehicles.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments
Section 18-2-202 and 18-2-206
Article 18 - Transportation
Title 2 - Vehicles and Traffic
Baltimore County Code 2015

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

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 § 18-2-202. - Obstruction of streets and alleys.

2 (a) Prohibited. A person may not stop, park, or leave standing a vehicle on any road or
3 alley:

4 (1) In front of or within 5 feet of the edge of any private driveway or parking
5 area without the consent of the owner or occupant of the premises; or

6 (2) In a manner that prevents free passage of vehicles or the movement of a
7 lawfully parked vehicle to or from a driveway or parking area.

8 (b) Parking in an alley. A person may not park, stop, or leave unattended a vehicle in
9 any alley leaving less than 12 feet of clearance parallel to the vehicle.

10 (c) Authority to tow a vehicle.

11 (1) If a vehicle is parked, stopped, or left unattended in a manner that prevents or
12 impedes the free passage of any other vehicle, the Chief of Police OR THE DIRECTOR OF
13 PERMITS, APPROVALS, AND INSPECTIONS may tow the vehicle after making a reasonable
14 attempt to locate the owner or, if the owner is known, the owner refuses to remove the vehicle.

15 (2) THIS SUBSECTION ALSO APPLIES TO A VEHICLE PARKED IN
16 VIOLATION OF SECTION 18-2-206.

17 [(2)] (3) The owner of a vehicle towed under this subsection shall pay [any
18 towing fee incurred by the Chief of Police.] ALL TOWING FEES.

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20 § 18-2-206. Parking a commercial vehicle in a residential zone.

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

1 (b) Exception. This section does not apply to the following vehicles even if they are
2 used for commercial purposes:

3 (1) Private passenger type vehicles, including automobiles, minivans, passenger
4 vans, stationwagons, and sport utility vehicles;

5 (2) Pickup trucks; and

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

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

11 (d) Penalty. A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

12 (e) Penalty for parking a tractor, trailer, or tractor-trailer. If the commercial vehicle
13 parked in violation of this section consists of a tractor, trailer, or a combination tractor-trailer, the
14 person violating this section is subject to a fine of [\$50] \$250 each for the tractor or trailer and
15 [\$100] \$500 for a tractor and trailer, in combination, for each day the violation exists.

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17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
18 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect on ~~August 15~~
19 September 19, 2016.