

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2011, Legislative Day No. 9

Bill No. 30-11

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Mr. Tom Quirk, Councilman

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By the County Council, May 2, 2011

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Parking

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Police Department to tow vehicles parked on roads or alleys so as to prevent or impede the free passage of another vehicle; and generally relating to the towing of certain vehicles.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 18-2-202  
Article 18 - Transportation  
Title 2 - Vehicles and Traffic  
Baltimore County Code 2003

1           SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Section 18-2-202, Article 18 - Transportation, Title 2 - Vehicles and  
3 Traffic, of the Baltimore County Code 2003, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with  
4 amendments, to read as follows:

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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 alley:

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

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

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

9 (c) Authority to tow a vehicle.

10 (1) If a vehicle is parked, stopped, or left unattended in a manner that prevents or impedes  
11 the free passage of [an emergency vehicle or sanitation vehicle] ANY OTHER VEHICLE, the Chief  
12 of Police may tow the vehicle after making a reasonable attempt to locate the owner or, if the owner  
13 is known, the owner refuses to remove the vehicle.

14 (2) The owner of a vehicle towed under this subsection shall pay any towing fee incurred  
15 by the Chief of Police.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act shall take effect 45 days  
17 after its enactment.