

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2023, Legislative Day No. 20

Bill No. 89-23

Mr. Todd Crandell, Councilman

By the County Council, November 6, 2023

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Parking – Obstruction of Alleys and Streets

FOR the purpose requiring the Chief of Police or the Director of the Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspections to tow a vehicle parked on a road or alley that prevents or impedes the free passage of another vehicle, without attempting certain notifications; and generally relating to stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 18-2-202

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 shall 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 (a) A person may not stop, park, or leave standing a vehicle on any road or alley:

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

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

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

16 (c) (1) If a vehicle is parked, stopped, or left unattended in a manner that prevents or
17 impedes the free passage of any other vehicle, the Chief of Police or the Director of THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF Permits, Approvals, and Inspections [may] SHALL tow the vehicle [after
19 making a reasonable attempt to locate the owner or, if the owner is known, the owner refuses to
20 remove the vehicle].

21 (2) This subsection also applies to a vehicle parked in violation of Section 18-2-
22 206.

23 (3) The owner of a vehicle towed under this subsection shall pay all towing fees.

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2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by
3 the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect 14 days from the
4 date of enactment.