

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2025 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 9

Resolution No. 116 -2025

Introduced by: Opel Jones, Councilmember

Short Title: Schedule of Fines – Commercial Motor Vehicle Parking in Residential Areas -
Citations – Department of Police

Title: A RESOLUTION approving a schedule of fines and penalties for violations of and administrative costs related to the enforcement of Howard County's parking laws, specifically increasing fines for parking citations for commercial motor vehicle parking in residential areas violations; allowing the Department of Police to embark on a public education campaign about the increased fines for commercial motor vehicles parking on residential areas violations; and generally relating to increased fines for commercial motor vehicles parking in residential area violations.

Introduced and read first time June 2, 2025.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on June 16, 2025.

By order

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ☒, Adopted with amendments ☐, Failed ☐, Withdrawn ☐, by the County Council on July 7, 2025.

Certified By

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

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 **WHEREAS**, Section 21.202 of the Howard County Code requires that the County
2 Council adopt a schedule of fines for violations of county parking laws; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, Section 21.232 of the Howard County Code prohibits an individual from
5 parking a commercial motor vehicle for more than six continuous hours on any highway in the
6 residential areas of Howard County; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, Section 21.101(g) of the Howard County Code defines a “Commercial
9 motor vehicle” as a motor vehicle registered with the motor vehicle administration under one of
10 the following classes; Class C (funeral and ambulance) vehicles; Class E (truck) vehicles which
11 includes, truck trailer combinations, dump truck registrations, tow trucks, or vehicles that display
12 permanently affixed commercial advertising or Maryland Home Improvement Commission
13 (“MHIC”) license number on the exterior body; Class F (tractor) vehicles; Class G (trailer)
14 vehicles; Class H (school) vehicles; or Class P (passenger bus) vehicles; or any motor vehicle
15 used in furtherance of any commercial purpose for the carrying of material, which includes but is
16 not limited to freight, merchandise, supplies, equipment, or debris.; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, these rates were last adopted by the passage of Council Resolution No. 99-
19 2025 for Fiscal Year 2026; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, The Howard County Police Department intends to conduct an education
22 and outreach campaign before and during the implementation of this Resolution.
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24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
25 Maryland this 7 day of July, 2025, that it adopts the attached schedules of fines
26 and penalties; and
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28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland
29 that this Resolution is contingent upon the enactment of Council Bill No. 52, and that if
30 Council Bill No. 52 fails, then this Resolution shall have no force and effect of law; and
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1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland
2 that this Resolution shall become effective upon the effective date of Council Bill No. 52; and
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4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland
5 that fines for “parking commercial motor vehicles in residential areas” is amended as follows and
6 shall continue to be in effect until changed or repealed by a subsequent resolution of the County
7 Council.

**SCHEDULE OF FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF
HOWARD COUNTY PARKING LAWS**

*These fines are established in accordance with Section 21.202 of the Howard
County Code, which requires the County Council to adopt a
schedule of fines for violations of county parking laws.*

VIOLATION

FINE*

*Violations of Section 21.232. Parking commercial motor vehicles
in residential areas.*

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| Parking commercial motor vehicle in residential area for more than 6 hours | [[\$33]] |
| (1) FIRST VIOLATION | \$250 |
| (2) SECOND VIOLATION | \$500 |
| (3) THIRD AND ANY SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION | \$750 |