

Bill No. 28-25
Concerning: Motor Vehicles and Traffic –
Parking in Bikeways - Prohibited
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Councilmember Glass
Co-Sponsors: Councilmembers Luedtke, Friedson, and Fani-González

AN ACT to:

- (1) prohibit the standing, stopping, or parking of vehicles in bikeways; and
- (2) generally amend the law regarding motor vehicles and traffic in the County.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 31, Motor Vehicles and Traffic
Sections 31-1 and 31-20

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

Sec. 1. Sections 31-1 and 31-20 are amended as follows:

31-1. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases [shall] must have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this article:

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Bicycle: A vehicle that is designed to be operated by human power or with assistance of a motor that has a capacity of less than fifty (50) cubic centimeters piston displacement or rated less than one (1) brake horsepower, that has two (2) or three (3) wheels of which one is more than fourteen (14) inches in diameter, that have a rear drive and with wheel configuration as follows:

(a) Two (2) wheels in tandem.

(b) Three (3) wheels; single front wheel with two (2) rear wheels on a horizontal axis perpendicular to the longitudinal plane of the front wheel and spaced substantially equidistant from the front wheel center line.

Bikeway: Any area expressly intended for bicycle travel, including:

(a) associated curbs and gutters; and

(b) any bike lane, off-street trail, [[separate]] separated bike lane, [[shared use roadway,]] or sidepath, as those terms are defined under Section 49-26.

Bus: Every motor vehicle except school buses designed for carrying more than ten (10) passengers and used for the transportation of persons; and every motor vehicle, other than a taxicab, designed and used for the transportation of persons for compensation.

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31-20. Parking prohibited, specifically.

27 Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance
 28 with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device, a
 29 person must not:

30 (a) Stop, stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not:

31 (1) In any manner on a public highway which impedes the
 32 movement of traffic or constitutes a threat to public safety.

33 (2) On a sidewalk.

34 (3) Within an intersection.

35 (4) On a crosswalk.

36 (5) Alongside any street excavation, obstruction or barricade or
 37 opposite any street excavation, obstruction or barricade, when
 38 stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.

39 (6) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or
 40 within a highway tunnel.

41 (7) On any ramp entering on or exiting from, any highway with two
 42 (2) or more traffic lanes moving in the same direction.

43 (8) On any property owned or leased by the board of education of
 44 Montgomery County or Montgomery College where an official
 45 sign prohibits such parking.

46 (9) In any place an official sign prohibits parking during specific a.m.
 47 or p.m. peak traffic periods, during the times posted on the sign.

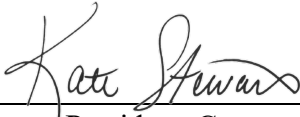
48 (10) Between a sidewalk or roadway curb and the property edge of a
 49 public street or highway, except in an emergency.

50 (11) On any bikeway[, except where parking is specifically allowed
 51 by signs on a shared use roadway]].

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53 **Sec 2. Transition; Amount of Fine for Parking in Bikeways.** Between the
54 effective date of this Act and the adoption of a resolution under Section 2-57A for
55 Fiscal Year 2027, the fine for a violation of Section 31-20(a)(11) must be \$60.00.

Approved:



Kate Stewart, President, County Council

November 4, 2025

Date

Approved:

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Sara R. Tenenbaum, Clerk of the Council

Date