

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2008, Legislative Day No. 12

Bill No. 75-08

Mr. Kevin Kamenetz, Chairman
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, July 7, 2008

A BILL
ENTITLED

Revenue Authority - Multi-space parking meters

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Baltimore County Revenue Authority to replace single-space parking meters with multi-space parking meters under certain circumstances; providing specific requirements for multi-space parking meters; authorizing payment for parking by credit card and bills; providing for enforcement of parking meters; authorizing the traffic engineer to make certain determinations; altering the Towson parking meter district; and generally relating to the use of multi-space parking meters.

By repealing and reenacting, with amendments

Sections 18-2-301(d) and (f), 18-2-304, 18-2-305(a), 18-2-306(b), 18-2-307(b),
18-2-309(a) and (c), 18-2-310, and 18-2-311
Article 18. Transportation
Title 2. Vehicles and Traffic
Subtitle 3. Parking Meters
Baltimore County Code, 2003

By adding

Section 18-2-313
Article 18. Transportation
Title 2. Vehicles and Traffic
Subtitle 3. Parking Meters
Baltimore County Code, 2003

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 Sections 18-2-301(d) and (f), 18-2-304, 18-2-305(a), 18-2-
3 306(b), 18-2-307(b), 18-2-309(a) and (c), 18-2-310, and 18-2-311 of Article 18. Transportation,
4 Title 2. Vehicles and Traffic, Subtitle 3. Parking Meters, of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as
5 amended, are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

6 § 18-2-301.

7 (d) “Parking meter” means a [coin-operated automatic or mechanical] device or meter
8 placed or erected for the regulation of parking.

9 (f) “Parking meter space” means a space within a parking meter [zone,] ZONE
10 ~~THAT IS EITHER~~ adjacent to a SINGLE-SPACE parking ~~[meter, which is] METER OR~~
11 ~~designated by lines painted on the surface of the street OR ADJACENT CURB OR SIDEWALK~~
12 ~~for the parking of a single vehicle~~ METER.

13 § 18-2-304.

14 (a) The county Revenue Authority shall install SINGLE-SPACE AND MULTI-
15 SPACE parking meters in the parking meter zones [on the curb immediately adjacent to each
16 designated parking meter space] AND, AS APPLICABLE, ADJACENT TO PARKING METER
17 SPACES, as determined and designated in accordance with the applicable provisions of this
18 subtitle.

19 (B)(1) THE REVENUE AUTHORITY ~~MAY~~ SHALL INSTALL SINGLE-SPACE
20 PARKING METERS ON THE CURB IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO EACH
21 DESIGNATED PARKING METER SPACE.

22 ~~(2)(f) THE REVENUE AUTHORITY MAY INSTALL MULTI-SPACE~~
23 ~~PARKING METERS IN A PARKING METER ZONE WITH DESIGNATED PARKING~~

1 ~~METER SPACES IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION CLOSE TO AND IN CONTROL OF~~
2 ~~THE DESIGNATED PARKING METER SPACES.~~

3 (H) THERE SHALL BE AT LEAST ONE MULTI-SPACE PARKING
4 METER INSTALLED ON EACH STREET BLOCK IN EACH PARKING METER ZONE
5 WHERE MULTI-SPACE PARKING METERS ARE INSTALLED.

6 (3) ~~THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER SINGLE-~~
7 ~~SPACE PARKING METERS OR MULTI-SPACE PARKING METERS SHALL BE~~
8 ~~INSTALLED IN A PARKING METER ZONE WHERE THE MANNER OF PARKING IS~~
9 ~~NOT PARALLEL PARKING.~~

10 [(b)] (C) [Parking meters shall operate, either automatically or mechanically, on
11 deposit in the parking meter of an appropriate coin of United States currency, for the full period
12 or a fraction of the period of time for which parking is lawfully allowed in a parking meter
13 zone.]

14 (1) EACH SINGLE SPACE PARKING METER SHALL BE DESIGNED TO
15 DISPLAY UPON PAYMENT AND ACTIVATION:

16 (I) A SIGNAL THAT INDICATES LEGAL PARKING FOR THE
17 DURATION PAID FOR;

18 [(c) Each parking meter shall be designed, constructed, and installed to indicate:]

19 [(1)] (II) Continuously, the remaining [fraction of the time period initially
20 registered] TIME UNTIL THE LEGAL PARKING DURATION EXPIRES; and

21 [(2)] (III) [By an] AN appropriate [signal,] SIGNAL when the [time period]
22 LEGAL PARKING DURATION has expired.

1 (2)(I) ON PAYMENT AND ACTIVATION, EACH MULTI-SPACE PARKING
2 METER SHALL:

3 1. DISPLAY THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH
4 (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; OR

5 2. PRODUCE AND ISSUE A RECEIPT THAT DISPLAYS:
6 A. THE AMOUNT OF PARKING TIME PURCHASED; AND
7 B. THE DATE AND TIME AT WHICH THE PAID PARKING
8 WILL EXPIRE.

9 (II) THE MULTI-SPACE PARKING METER SHALL CONTAIN
10 CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW AND WHERE THE OPERATOR SHALL DISPLAY
11 THE PAID RECEIPT ON OR IN THE PARKED VEHICLE.

12 (III) FAILURE TO DISPLAY THE RECEIPT IN THE MANNER
13 SPECIFIED AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH
14 SUBJECTS THE VEHICLE TO A PARKING VIOLATION AS IF THE PROPER PARKING
15 FEE HAD NOT BEEN PAID.

16 (d) Each parking meter shall [bear a legend indicating] CONTAIN, IN A
17 CONSPICUOUS PLACE, A PLATE OR OTHER DEVICE THAT:

18 (1) [The] CLEARLY STATES THE days and hours [when the requirement to
19 deposit coins] in WHICH the parking meter [applies] IS IN OPERATION AND ANY
20 EXCEPTIONS TO THOSE DAYS AND HOURS;

21 (2) The [value of the coins to be deposited] AMOUNT AND METHODS OF
22 PAYMENT FOR THE LEGAL PARKING OF VEHICLES, INCLUDING, AT THE

DISCRETION OF THE REVENUE AUTHORITY, COINS, BILLS, CREDIT CARDS, DEBIT CARDS, OR OTHER APPROVED METHOD OF PAYMENT; and

(3) The [maximum period of time for which parking is lawfully allowed in the parking meter zone] DURATION DURING WHICH PARKING IS ALLOWED ON PAYMENT OF THE PRESCRIBED AMOUNT.

§ 18-2-305.

(a) At any time when any revenue bonds or mortgages issued by the county Revenue Authority for the purpose of financing the construction, acquisition, and improvement of off-street parking facilities in the county are outstanding and unpaid, the county may not:

(1) (I) Reduce the total number of on-street SINGLE-SPACE parking meters installed on the streets of the county as of the date the bonds were issued; or

(II) REDUCE THE SIZE OF OR ELIMINATE A PARKING METER ZONE ESTABLISHED AS OF THE DATE THE BONDS WERE ISSUED, IF THE COUNTY REPLACES SINGLE-SPACE PARKING METERS WITH MULTI-SPACE PARKING METERS; OR

(2) Reduce the rates charged for the use of parking meters as of the date the bonds were issued.

§ 18-2-306.

(b) The Traffic Engineer shall [alter the legend attached to each parking meter] HAVE THE PLATE OR DEVICE REQUIRED UNDER § 18-2-304(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE ALTERED to reflect any change made under subsection (a) of this section.

1 § 18-2-307.

2 (b) The Towson District is that area bounded by the following sets of lines proceeding in
3 a clockwise direction starting at the intersection of York Road and Burke Avenue, proceeding
4 [west along the south property line of Burke Avenue] SOUTH ALONG THE EAST
5 PROPERTY LINE OF YORK ROAD, WEST ALONG THE SOUTH PROPERTY LINE OF
6 CROSS CAMPUS DRIVE, NORTH ALONG THE WEST PROPERTY LINE OF OSLER
7 DRIVE, EAST ALONG THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF TOWSONTOWN
8 BOULEVARD, north along the west property line of THE 200 BLOCK OF Bosley Avenue,
9 west along the south property line of Chesapeake Avenue, north along the [west property line of
10 Central Avenue] CENTERLINE OF HIGHLAND AVENUE, east along the north property line
11 of Joppa Road, northeast along the northwest property line of Bosley Avenue, southeast along
12 the northeast property line of Fairmount Avenue, [south along the east property line of Aigburth
13 Avenue] WEST ALONG THE SOUTH PROPERTY LINE OF TOWSONTOWN
14 BOULEVARD, SOUTH ALONG THE WEST PROPERTY LINE OF MARYLAND AVENUE,
15 and west along the south property line of Burke Avenue back to the point of beginning.

16 § 18-2-309.

17 (a) [With the approval of the County Administrative Officer, the] THE Traffic
18 Engineer shall {designate a} ~~DESIGNATE:~~

19 ~~(1) PARKING METER ZONES; AND~~

20 ~~(2) IN A PARKING METER ZONE THAT WILL BE CONTROLLED BY~~
21 ~~MULTI-SPACE PARKING METERS, A parking meter space by appropriate markings on the~~
22 ~~street OR THE ADJACENT CURB OR SIDEWALK~~ PARKING METER ZONES.

1 (c) The Traffic Engineer may not designate a parking meter [space] ZONE in front of
2 or adjacent to a property that is zoned residential under the county zoning regulations.

3 § 18-2-310.

4 (a) An operator may not park a vehicle in a parking meter space OR A PARKING
5 METER ZONE CONTROLLED BY A MULTI-SPACE PARKING METER during the
6 regulated time applicable to a THE parking meter zone unless [a coin or coins of United States
7 currency of the appropriate denomination has been deposited in the adjacent parking meter and
8 the parking meter has been placed in operation] PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE AS
9 PROVIDED IN § 18-2-304(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

10 (b) (1) The maximum period of time that a vehicle may be parked in any parking
11 meter space OR A PARKING METER ZONE CONTROLLED BY A MULTI-SPACE
12 PARKING METER is that period specified on the [legend on the meter adjacent to the parking
13 meter space] PLATE OR DEVICE REQUIRED UNDER § 18-2-304(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE
14 and which may be secured by [the deposit of one or more coins] PAYMENT into the parking
15 meter on a single occasion.

16 (2)(i) On the expiration of the maximum period, the operator shall remove the
17 vehicle from the parking meter space OR A PARKING METER ZONE CONTROLLED BY A
18 MULTI-SPACE PARKING METER, AS APPLICABLE.

19 (ii) The operator may not extend the maximum period by the deposit
20 of additional [coins] PAYMENT.

21 (C) A VEHICLE PARKED IN A PARKING METER SPACE OR A PARKING METER
22 ZONE CONTROLLED BY A MULTI-SPACE PARKING METER, AS APPLICABLE, FOR A
23 DURATION LONGER THAN DESIGNATED ON THE PLATE OR DEVICE REQUIRED

1 UNDER § 18-2-304(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE IS IN VIOLATION OF THE PARKING
2 PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE AND SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES PROVIDED IN
3 THIS TITLE.

4 § 18-2-311.

5 (a) ~~An~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, AN
6 operator may not park a vehicle in a parking meter zone during the regulated time applicable to a
7 parking meter zone in a manner that causes the ~~vehicle~~: VEHICLE

8 (1) ~~Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,~~ to occupy more than
9 one parking meter ~~space~~; or

10 (2) ~~To protrude into the street beyond the markings designating the parking~~
11 ~~meter~~ space.

12 (b) When a vehicle is too large to fit into a single parking meter space, the operator
13 may park the vehicle within more than one space if the appropriate [coins are] PAYMENT IS
14 deposited in the parking meters for each parking meter space occupied.

15 (C) IF ONLY A PORTION OF A STREET IS DESIGNATED FOR MULTI-SPACE
16 PARKING METER PARKING, AN OPERATOR MAY NOT PARK OUTSIDE OF THE
17 DESIGNATED AREA USING A MULTI-SPACE PARKING METER.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that Section 18-2-313 is hereby added
19 to Article 18. Transportation, Title 2. Vehicles and Traffic, Subtitle 3. Parking Meters, of the
20 Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended, to read as follows:

1 § 18-2-313.

2 (A) IF THE PARKING METER IS IN ACTIVE OPERATION, A PERSON MAY NOT
3 ALLOW A VEHICLE TO PARK OR REMAIN IN ANY PARKING METER SPACE OR A
4 PARKING METER ZONE CONTROLLED BY A MULTI-SPACE PARKING METER:

5 (1) BEYOND THE PERIOD DURING WHICH VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED
6 TO REMAIN IN THE PARKING METER SPACE OR A PARKING METER ZONE
7 CONTROLLED BY A MULTI-SPACE PARKING METER;

8 (2) IN ANY MANNER EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBTITLE;

9 (3) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, WITHOUT
10 PAYING THE APPLICABLE PARKING FEE; OR

11 (4) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, WITHOUT
12 DISPLAYING A MULTI-SPACE PARKING METER RECEIPT WHEN AND IN THE
13 MANNER REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

14 (B) AN OPERATOR MAY NOT PARK A VEHICLE IN A PARKING METER SPACE
15 OR A PARKING METER ZONE CONTROLLED BY A MULTI-SPACE PARKING METER
16 DURING THE REGULATED TIME APPLICABLE TO A PARKING METER ZONE IF THE
17 ADJACENT PARKING METER IS INOPERABLE OR DEFECTIVE OR, IF APPLICABLE,
18 IF A RECEIPT CANNOT BE OBTAINED FROM ANOTHER MULTI-SPACE PARKING
19 METER WITHIN THE PARKING METER ZONE.

20 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having passed by the
21 affirmative vote of five (5) members of the County Council, shall take effect August 17, 2008.