

Bill No. 27-08  
Concerning: Motor Vehicles and Traffic –  
Parking Regulations – Commercial  
Vehicles, Recreational Vehicles, and  
Buses  
Revised: 1/27/09 Draft No. 8  
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## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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By: Council President

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**AN ACT** to:

- (1) prohibit the parking of certain commercial vehicles, buses, and recreational vehicles in certain areas; and
- (2) generally amend the law regarding vehicle parking.

By amending

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 31, Parking  
Sections 31-1, ~~[[and]]~~ 31-14, and 31-20

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

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



- 28 (a) motor home;
- 29 (b) travel trailer;
- 30 (c) camper or camping trailer including truck insert or collapsible unit; or
- 31 (d) non-freight trailer, as defined by the State Motor Vehicle
- 32 Administration, used to transport other leisure equipment such as a boat,
- 33 horse, motorcycle, show car, race car, snowmobile, or bicycle.

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35 **31-14. Parking of heavy commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles, or buses**  
 36 **[[near [abutting] residences, schools, [etc] churches, hospitals or**  
 37 **playgrounds]].**

38 **(a)** [It shall be unlawful to] A person must not park any [[commercial  
 39 vehicle,]] recreational vehicle [, or bus]] on [that side of] any public  
 40 [road] roadway [[if either side of the street [abutting] abuts a block
 41 containing [any] a private residence, apartment house, church, school,  
 42 hospital or playground, except:]]

43 **[[(a)** [when such] a vehicle that is [actually] engaged in loading or unloading  
 44 passengers, merchandise or materials;[:]

45 **(b)** [when] a commercial vehicle used by the owner or operator [actively]  
 46 when engaged in work on the premises of the residence, apartment  
 47 house, church, school, hospital or playground;[.]

48 **(c)** a bus that [At authorized terminal stands of bus routes operating under  
 49 a permit from the state public service commission,] stops [may be made  
 50 for a sufficient] for a period of time, not to exceed [thirty (30)] 30  
 51 minutes, [for the purpose of maintaining schedules] to maintain a  
 52 schedule at an authorized terminal stand for a bus route operating under  
 53 a permit from the State Public Service Commission;[.]

54 (d) [This section shall not apply to] a vehicle ~~that~~ for more than 18 hours  
 55 unless it is involuntarily parked because of mechanical failure or other  
 56 emergency[, provided such vehicle is removed within] for [[a  
 57 reasonable period of time; or]] 48 hours or less.

58 [[e) a recreational vehicle parked not more than 12 hours.]]

59 (b) A person may park a heavy commercial vehicle or a bus on a public  
 60 roadway where both sides of the street abut a property zoned for a  
 61 commercial or industrial use, unless parking is otherwise prohibited by  
 62 an official sign or other law applicable to all motor vehicles. A person  
 63 must not park a heavy commercial vehicle or bus on any other public  
 64 roadway unless it is:

65 (1) a vehicle engaged in loading or unloading passengers,  
 66 merchandise or materials;

67 (2) a heavy commercial vehicle used by the owner or operator when  
 68 engaged in work on the property abutting the street;

69 (3) a bus that stops for a period of time, not to exceed 30 minutes, to  
 70 maintain a schedule at an authorized terminal stand for a bus  
 71 route operating under a permit from the State Public Service  
 72 Commission;

73 (4) a vehicle that is involuntarily parked because of mechanical  
 74 failure or other emergency for 48 hours or less; or

75 (5) a public contractor's vehicle as defined in §31-1.

76 **31-20. Parking prohibited, specifically.**

77 Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance  
 78 with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device, ~~[[no]]~~ a  
 79 person ~~[[shall]]~~ must not:

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

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(10) Between a sidewalk or roadway ~~[[edge]]~~ curb and the property edge of a public street or highway, ~~[[when parking is prohibited by official sign adjacent to the roadway or median strip dividing any public street or highway]]~~ except in an emergency.

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**Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect ~~[[120 days after it becomes law]]~~ on July 1, 2009.

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Philip M. Andrews, President, County Council Date

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Isiah Leggett, County Executive Date

93 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date