

Ordinance 29-17

Double Parking

Staff Report

The purpose of this legislation is to authorize double parking for the expeditious loading and unloading of commercial vehicles.

There have been numerous observations by Economic Development associations, resident associations, and the Department of Public Works that show commercial vehicles experience difficulties finding space at available loading zones for making deliveries. Similarly, retail customers experience difficulties when transporting bulky merchandise.

Section 25-102(a)(1) of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland states that, subject to the provisions of §21-1003.1 of that article, local authorities have the power to regulate or prohibit the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles.

For the reasons stated above, this legislation proposes to permit the operator of a commercial vehicle, between 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM, to park alongside a vehicle legally parked at a curb for the purpose of expeditiously loading and unloading, provided the flow of traffic is not impeded and provided that there is no alternative parking space within 100 feet. O-29-17 defines “expeditiously loading and unloading” as a period of inactivity that does not exceed 10 minutes.

This legislation will also authorize the Transportation Department to issue each retail store one permit to allow a non-commercial vehicle to park alongside another vehicle under the same circumstances as those permitted for commercial vehicles.

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