

for trial any person accused of violating any of the traffic ordinances of Baltimore City, and shall have concurrent jurisdiction with Justices of the Peace, committing magistrates or police justices throughout the State outside of Baltimore City, to hear and determine all complaints of violations of the Motor Vehicle Laws of the State in those cases where it is convenient for the accused to have such complaint heard and determined in Baltimore City. The jurisdiction, powers and duties heretofore vested in and required of Justices of the Peace in Baltimore City under Section 158 of this sub-title shall hereafter be exclusively vested in and required of the Justices of the Peace of the Traffic Court. Said Justices shall, during the hours when said Traffic Court is required to be in session, transact no other business except the business required of them by the provisions of this sub-title. The said Justices of the Peace of the Traffic Court, and any Justices who may be designated to sit in their absence, shall have the power and authority to enforce obedience to their orders and judgments by attachment, and to inflict summary punishment for contempt of court by a fine not exceeding in any one case the sum of twenty-five dollars; all of which fines shall be paid to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in the same manner as other fines; and imprisonment for default in payment of such fines shall be imposed to the same extent as in the case of other fines; provided, however, that the power aforesaid to punish for contempt shall not be construed to extend to any cases arising in the Traffic Court, except the cases specifically set forth and provided for in Section 4 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland as within the power of the several courts of this State to inflict summary punishments for contempt of court.

The Police Commissioner for the City of Baltimore shall designate four or more members of the police force of the rank of sergeants, with the right of the Commissioner of Police to promote their rank to lieutenant in his discretion, but who shall, however, in any event, receive the salary of lieutenants while acting in said Traffic Court, one of whom shall be assigned to each of the parts or sessions of the Traffic Court herein provided, and who shall execute the powers and directions of the Justice presiding at said session. In addition to the number of station house clerks now provided for by law, said Police Commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to employ such number of additional clerks as may