

Baltimore City to try or commit 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 attachments, 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 in default of 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 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 of Baltimore City shall designate for service in the Traffic Court four or more members of the police force of the rank of sergeants, who shall, after such designation have the rank of lieutenants, shall receive the salary of lieutenants and shall be subject to the same rights and duties in regard to the Pension Fund as are now or may hereafter be given or imposed by law relating to lieutenants, 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 Justice presiding at said session. This section shall include and apply to all sergeants who are now, or have heretofore been assigned to the Traffic Court. In addition to the number of Station House clerks now provided