streets in the county, or at an intersection of a side street or side road with a county or state highway in the county, in such a manner as to obstruct the vision of the operators of vehicles as they reach such intersections, they are hereby authorized and empowered to require the owner or owners of such property located at such intersections to remove therefrom such trees, bushes, vines, fences, signs or other obstructions within such time as the county shall in its discretion determine to be just. Any owner of such property failing to remove such obstruction within such time as may be limited in the notice from the county to do so shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars and not more than five hundred dollars; provided, however, that in addition to the criminal penalty herein provided for, the county shall have the further right and power, after giving the aforesaid notice, and upon failure of the owner of such property to comply therewith, to have such trees, bushes, vines, fences, signs or other obstructions removed and charge the cost of such removal to the owners of such property, which cost or charges shall be a lien on such property and be collected in the same manner as taxes are now collected.

## 18-11. Accident reports.

The Police [bureau] Department shall, upon application by any person and the payment of a fee of one dollar furnish to such applicant a certified copy of the [bureau's] department's record of any accident in which a motor vehicle is in any manner involved.

Article II. Director of Traffic Engineering.

## 18-12.1. Department of Traffic Engineering.

A new [bureau] department is hereby created [within the department of public safety] which shall hereafter be designated and known as the [bureau] Department of Traffic Engineering, the [head] director of which shall be the traffic engineer of Baltimore County. The [bureau] department shall be responsible for traffic safety and engineering. The traffic engineer of Baltimore County shall be responsible directly to the [director of public safety] administrative officer and shall have such duties and perform such functions relating to traffic safety and engineering as may be [delegated] assigned to him by the [director of public safety, and shall have and perform such other duties and functions as may from time to time be assigned him by director of the county] administrative officer or by legislative act of the County Council.

## 18-13. Authority to make rules and regulations.

In order to provide for the safe and expeditious movement of traffic in the county, and to protect the safety of the citizens using the roads, streets, alleys and highways in the county, either public or private, the Director of [public safety] Traffic Engineering is hereby granted full power and authority to do any and all of the following:

- (1) Conduct engineering and analyses of traffic accidents and engineering investigations of traffic conditions.
- (2) Establish and determine the design, timing, type, size and location of any and all signs, signals, markings, pylons, channels and other devices for guiding, directing or otherwise regulating and controlling vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- (3) Designate any intersections as "Stop" intersections or through highways.
- (4) Approve or disapprove the location of bus stops and taxicab stands or rescind or modify any prior approval heretofore given.