

device erected by the authority of the Director of **[public safety] Traffic Engineering** for the regulation of traffic or parking on public highways.

18-18. Unlawful to violate rules, etc., of Director.

It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any rule, regulation, order or directive promulgated by the Director of **[public safety] Traffic Engineering**, as hereinbefore provided.

18-20.1. Parking unlicensed vehicle, abandoned vehicle, impounding, sale.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park an unlicensed vehicle, or a vehicle with an expired license, or to abandon a vehicle for a period longer than seven (7) days on any public road, highway, street, avenue or alley in the county. The **[director] Chief of [public safety] Police** is hereby authorized to take possession of and remove any such vehicle so parked or abandoned in violation of this section, by means of county equipment or by contract entered into pursuant to the provisions of the purchasing act of Baltimore County, if applicable, and he may cause such vehicle to be stored either upon county property or upon private property by suitable contract, if applicable. The cost of removing or towing any such vehicle and of storing the same must be paid by the owner before such vehicle may be repossessed by him and such charge shall be in addition to any fine or other penalty imposed for the violation of this section. If the owner fails to repossess such vehicle within thirty days after it is impounded, such vehicle may be sold by the **[Director] Chief of [public safety] Police** or his agent pursuant to the provisions of the purchasing act of Baltimore County, if applicable, and the proceeds of such sale, after payment of the costs thereof, applied first, to reimbursing the county for the cost of removing or towing the vehicle and of storing the same; second, to the payment of all liens on the same, and the balance of said proceeds shall be paid to the owner if claimed by him within six months from the date of sale. If the owner fails to claim said balance within said period of time, it shall be forfeited and paid into the county treasury.

18-29. Removal of motor vehicles from streets; impounding.

(a) In order to provide for a more effective enforcement of the traffic laws and regulations and to expedite the flow of traffic, the **[Director] Chief of [public safety] Police** is hereby authorized to take possession of and remove any motor vehicle parked upon any boulevard or through street in Baltimore County during the hours when parking on any such boulevard or through streets is prohibited, subject to the following provisions of this Section.

(b) The **[Director] Chief of [public safety] Police** shall not take possession of and remove any motor vehicle unless the Director of Traffic Engineering shall have adopted a regulation declaring such boulevard or through street to be subject to the provisions of this Section and unless the Director of Traffic Engineering shall have caused such boulevard or through street to be prominently posted with suitable signs clearly indicating to the public that vehicles illegally parked thereon shall be subject to be seized and impounded. Provided, however, that the provisions of this Section shall not apply to motor vehicles used in connection with any funeral or wedding service.

(c) For the purpose of performing the duties imposed by this Section, the **[Director] Chief of [public safety] Police** is authorized to seize and remove motor vehicles by means of county equipment or by contract. He may cause such motor vehicles to be stored either upon county property or upon private property by suitable contract. Provided, however,