

ORDINANCE 07-2026-B**Code of the Town of Bladensburg**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG TO AMEND CHAPTER112, “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”, BY AMENDING §112-11, “PAYMENT OF FINES, FEES AND OTHER CHARGES” TO INSTITUTE A FLAG RELEASE FEE AND A BOOT/IMMOBILIZATION FEE AND TO CONFORM TO CURRENT PRACTICE WITH RESPECT TO WHEN PAYMENT OF FINES AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES ARE DUE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to §5-201 *et seq.* of the Local Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Town of Bladensburg (hereinafter, the “Town”) has the power to pass such ordinances as it deems necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the municipality and to prevent and remove nuisances; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, authorizes the Town to regulate traffic and parking and to issue citations for traffic and parking violations; and

WHEREAS, the Council has adopted Chapter 12, “Vehicles and Traffic”, to regulate traffic and parking in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the public interest to amend Chapter 12, “Vehicles and Traffic”, to institute flag release and boot/immobilization fees, and to conform to current practice with respect to when the payment of fines and administrative fees are due.

Section 1. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Bladensburg that Chapter 112, “Vehicles and Traffic”,

CAPS	: Indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets]	: Indicate matter deleted from law.
Asterisks * * *	: Indicate matter remaining unchanged in existing law but not set forth in Ordinance
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[Brackets]	: Indicate matter deleted in amendment

§112-11, “Payment of fines, fees and other charges”, be and it is hereby repealed, reenacted and amended to read as follows:

§ 112-11. Payment of fines, fees and other charges.

A. Penalties and administrative fees [will] MAY be set by resolution of the Mayor and Council.

B. Fines and administrative fees.

(1) [Payment of f]Fines and administrative fees [will be paid within fifteen (15) days after the citation is issued] MUST BE PAID ON OR BEFORE THE DATE REQUIRED IN THE CITATION OR NOTICE.

(2) If payment is not received by the town ON OR BEFORE THE DATE REQUIRED, [within fifteen (15) days, a warning letter will be sent to the last known registered owner of the vehicle.]

(3) If payment is not received by the town within thirty (30) days,] the fine FOR PARKING CITATIONS [and administrative fees] will double.

{(4)} (3) Any vehicle which is impounded or attached will not be released until all fines, administrative fees and other related expenses are paid.

(4) [If the] A vehicle [is] registered in the State of Maryland, [it will be] IS subject to the state's flagging programs until all fines, fees and expenses are paid. A FEE IS REQUIRED TO BE PAID TO THE TOWN TO AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF ANY REGISTRATION FLAG.

(5) A FEE MAY BE ASSESSED TO THE OWNER FOR ANY VEHICLE THAT IS BOOTED/IMMOBILIZED FOR FAILURE TO PAY OUTSTANDING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

Section 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days from the date of its adoption.

Section 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any section, subsection, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be illegal or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall be severable, and shall not affect or impair any remaining section, subsection, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or word included within this Ordinance, it being the intent of the Town that the remainder of the Ordinance shall be and shall remain in full force and effect, valid and enforceable.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town Bladensburg, at a regular meeting on September _____, 2025 and thereafter this Ordinance was prominently posted in the Town Hall and available for inspection by the public.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg, Maryland, at a regular meeting on _____, 2025.

WITNESS

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

Regine Watson, Clerk

Takisha D. James, Mayor