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Title:	Amendment of Municipal Code Titles 3 and 9 regarding motorist decals or devices and residential parking permits for persons with disabilities
Committee(s) Assignment:	Committee on Transportation and Public Way

WHEREAS, Words have the power to reveal how a person, group, or organization values those they interact with and are committed to including within their practices; and

WHEREAS, Over the past year, the City of Chicago has especially demonstrated the importance of unlearning harmful behaviors and language by taking equitable actions that have led to better inclusivity for all Chicagoans; and

WHEREAS, "Inclusion" has been defined as authentically bringing traditionally excluded individuals or groups into the process, activities, and decisions/policy-making in a way that shares power; and

WHEREAS, The "International Day of Persons with Disabilities" is annually recognized on December 3rd and aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society; and

WHEREAS, Everyday, including this December, the City of Chicago must continue to further the inclusion and well-being of persons with disabilities through actions that produce long-term change, such as replacement of the exclusive language within the Municipal Code of Chicago and other City-operated platforms; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Illinois Secretary of State has demonstrated their commitment to people-first language and/or object identifying language within their "Persons with Disabilities Parking Program"; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago should look to the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State and specifically replace the exclusive language currently within the Municipal Code of Chicago Sections 9-68-010, 9-68-020, and 3-56-050; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Section 9-68-010 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding the language underscored, and by deleting the language struck through, as follows:

9-68-010 ~~Handicapped~~ Motorist decals or devices for persons with disabilities.

(a) The bureau of parking management is hereby authorized to issue ~~handicapped~~ motorist decals or devices for persons with disabilities pursuant to and in accordance with Section 11-1301.2 of the Illinois Vehicle Code and with state administrative rules promulgated under that section. The fee for each such decal or device shall be \$5.00.

(b) The bureau of parking management is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations concerning the issuance and use of ~~handicapped~~ motorist decals or devices for persons with disabilities consistent with state law and the provisions of the traffic code.

SECTION 2. Section 9-68-020 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding the language underscored, and by deleting the language struck through, as follows:

9-68-020 Residential parking permits.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

(8) *Residential zone parking permit – Persons with disabilities.* If a residential parking permit zone is in effect at the place of residence of a person with disabilities who is the owner of a vehicle licensed to a ~~handicapped individual~~ person with disabilities as the term “~~handicapped individual~~” is defined in Section 3-56-050 (a), such person shall be exempt from the residential zone parking permit fee set forth in subsection (a)(4) of this section.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

SECTION 3. Section 3-56-050 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding the language underscored, and by deleting the language struck through, as follows:

3-56-050 Fees - Late fees.

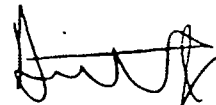
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Vehicles licensed to ~~handicapped individuals~~ persons with disabilities

~~Handicapped individual~~ Persons with disabilities means (1) every ~~natural person who~~ (1) ~~has permanently lost the use of a leg or both legs, or an arm or both arms, or any combination thereof, or is any person who is with a disability experiencing one or a combination of the following: (a) such severe impairment, they cannot walk without the assistance of another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair or other assistive device, (b) a restriction due to lung disease to such a degree that forced expiratory volume in one second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, (c) the required use of portable oxygen, (d) a Class III or Class IV cardiac condition according to standards set by the American Heart Association, (d) severe impairment limiting their ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, oncological or orthopedic condition, and/or (e) has permanently lost the use of or is missing a hand or arm; so severely disabled as to be unable to move without the aid of crutches, tripod type cane, walker or a wheelchair; and~~ (2) has a valid disability license plate issued by the Illinois Secretary of State.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect following passage and approval.



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