

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 000358)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Traffic Code,” by amending the provisions relating to parking by physically handicapped persons and disabled and severely disabled veterans.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 12. TRAFFIC CODE

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CHAPTER 12-1100. MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES

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§12-1117. Physically Handicapped and Disabled or Severely Disabled Veteran Parking.

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(2) Exemption for physically handicapped persons and disabled or severely-disabled veterans from parking time limits and parking meter fees:

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(a) When a motor vehicle bearing a handicapped plate, a handicapped parking placard, [a disabled veteran's plate,] a severely-disabled veteran's plate, or a severely-disabled veteran placard is being operated by or for the transportation of a physically handicapped person or a [disabled or] severely-disabled veteran, the driver shall be entitled to park [without limitation as to time] *for a period of sixty (60) minutes in excess of the maximum time limit* and without payment of any parking meter fees *during that sixty (60) minute period* on streets where parking is limited but not prohibited by ordinance or by the Vehicle Code. [(1)] Such motor vehicles shall comply with all parking prohibitions.

(b) *When a motor vehicle that is identifiable as a wheelchair lift-equipped van is being operated by or for the transportation of a physically disabled person or a severely disabled veteran, the driver shall be entitled to park without limitation as to time and without payment of any parking meter fees on streets where parking is limited but not prohibited by ordinance or by the Vehicle Code. Such motor vehicles shall comply with all parking prohibitions.*

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SECTION 2. Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code is further amended to read as follows:

TITLE 12. TRAFFIC CODE

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§12-1117. Physically Handicapped and Disabled or Severely Disabled Veteran Parking

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(3) Reserved on-street parking for physically handicapped persons and severely-disabled veterans; *reserved on-street accessible parking spaces*:

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(f) *On each side of each hundred block on which there is metered parking, one reserved accessible parking space shall be located as close as possible to an accessible curb ramp, marked by signs at both ends of the space showing the symbol of accessibility. Parking at each accessible space shall be regulated by an electronic meter which has no moving parts, handles or thumb slides, which is programmed to accept at least seven different coins or tokens, and which is painted blue. No vehicle may park at any such space except a motor vehicle bearing a handicapped plate, a handicapped parking placard, a severely-disabled veteran's plate, or a severely-disabled veteran placard and which is being operated by or for the transportation of a physically handicapped person or a severely-disabled veteran. Drivers of such vehicles shall be entitled to park in an accessible space for a period of sixty (60) minutes in excess of the maximum time limit and without payment of any parking meter fees during that sixty (60) minute period. Such motor vehicles shall comply with all parking prohibitions, including, but not limited to, snow emergency, street cleaning or resident parking.*

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CHAPTER 12-2400. TOWING AND IMMOBILIZING OF PARKED OR ABANDONED VEHICLES

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§12-2405. Removal or Immobilization of Parked Vehicles; Notice.

(1) Any vehicle may be removed, by means of towing to the nearest Official Towing Station or immobilized for up to seventy-two (72) hours by means of applying a boot and then towed to the nearest Official Towing Station if not reclaimed, by or under the direction of a member of the Department, or its designated agent whenever any vehicle is:

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(h) *parked in a reserved accessible parking space in violation of §12-1117(3)(f).*

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CHAPTER 12-2800. ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF

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PARKING VIOLATIONS

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§12-2809. Civil Penalties and Costs.

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(2) Any person violating the following provisions of Title 12 shall, upon a final finding of liability pursuant to this Chapter 12-2800, be liable for payment of the civil penalty indicated, in addition to the costs and fees set forth in subsection 12-2809(1):

Code Provision	Violation Description	Penalty
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12-1117(3)(f)	<i>Parking reserved accessible space</i>	\$300.00
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Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.
Italics indicate new matter added.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on December 14, 2000. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on January 23, 2001.



Marie B. Hauser
Chief Clerk of the City Council