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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

SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Words are powerful and have the ability to influence the inclusion of discriminated individuals by acting as a catalyst towards the elimination of stereotypes that can be disrespectful, dehumanizing, and adverse to one's equality and dignity; and

WHEREAS, Over the past year, the City of Chicago ("City") has especially demonstrated the importance of unlearning harmful narratives, behaviors, and language through the passage of several legislations resulting in equity and better inclusivity for all Chicagoans; and

WHEREAS, "Inclusion" has been defined as authentically bringing traditionally excluded individuals and/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 promotes the dedication to the long-term work needed to protect the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society; and

WHEREAS, Everyday, Including December 3rd, the City can demonstrate such charge through the usage of "person-first language" because A PERSON IS NOT a disability, condition, or diagnosis—A PERSON HAS a disability, condition, or diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, the *ADA Knowledge Translation Center* stated within their 'Guidelines on People with Disabilities' that 'handicapped' was an "outdated and unacceptable term to use when referring to individuals or accessible environments"; and

WHEREAS, Replacement of discriminatory and offensive language such as "handicap" or "handicapped" within the Municipal Code of Chicago and other City operated platforms, including public distributions, demonstrates the City's continued commitment in furtherance of disability advocacy for Chicagoans; and

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

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago should look to the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State to replace the exclusive language currently within the Municipal Code of Chicago Sections 9-68-010, 9-68-020, and 3-56-050; and, 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 (1) is the owner of a vehicle and has their name identified on such vehicle title, (2) is a parent or legal guardian of a minor with a disability, or (3) is a caregiver living in the same place of residence of a person with a disability in accordance with Section 11-1301.2 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, and pursuant to 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.

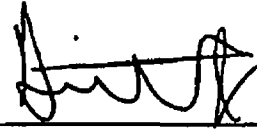
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Vehicles licensed to ~~handicapped individuals~~ persons with disabilities

~~Handicapped individual~~ Persons with disabilities means ~~(1) every natural an individual 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 so severely disabled as to be unable to move without the aid of crutches, tripod type cane, walker or a wheelchair;~~ (1) has adequate documentation certified by either a (i) licensed physician, (ii) licensed physician assistant, or (iii) licensed advanced practice registered nurse, (2) meets one or more of the specific medical conditions defined in Section 1-159.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, and (3) 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 publication.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gilbert Villegas', is written over a horizontal line.

GILBERT VILLEGAS
Alderman, 36th Ward