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**Councilmember Greenlee
for
Council President Clarke**

**Referred to the
Committee on Streets and Services**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic Code," by revising Section 12-1117, entitled "Physically Handicapped and Disabled or Severely Disabled Veteran Parking," by allowing certain persons who transport a disabled person to apply for a reserved on-street parking space; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

(a) After an investigation determining need has been performed through the Department of Health with the information set forth in (3)[(b)](c) and

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approved by the Department of Streets for practicality and feasibility of traffic operations, the Department of Streets may designate reserved on-street parking for the physically handicapped and severely-disabled veterans.

(b) Any person transporting a disabled person whose motor vehicle bears a handicapped plate, a handicapped placard, a severely-disabled veteran plate, or a severely-disabled veteran placard issued for the use and benefit of persons with disabilities, provided that a person with a disability is being transported in the vehicle, shall be eligible to apply for a reserved on-street parking space.

[(b)] (c) When applying for an on-street parking space for the exclusive use by *or for the transportation of* handicapped persons or severely-disabled veterans, at least the following information shall be supplied by the applicant to the City and, in part, shall be used as criteria for determining the appropriate location for a handicapped parking space:

- (.1) the nature and use of adjacent buildings;
- (.2) the availability and proximity of off-street parking;
- (.3) any other information which the Department of Streets and/or the Department of Health may require.

[(c)] (d) When a motor vehicle bearing a handicapped plate, a handicapped parking placard, a severely-disabled veteran plate or a severely-disabled veteran placard is being operated by or for the transportation of a physically handicapped person or severely-disabled veteran, the driver shall be permitted to park without limitation as to time in any reserved on-street parking space for physically handicapped persons and severely-disabled veterans.

[(d)] (e) Reserved on-street parking spaces shall be located as close as practicable to educational institutions, government buildings, hospitals, medical centers, cultural institutions and recreational facilities. Reserved on-street parking in residential areas shall be provided for under § 3354(d) of the Vehicle Code, 75 Pa. C.S. § 3354(d), or any subsequent amendment thereto.

[(e)] (f) Reserved on-street parking spaces shall not be provided at any other location where parking is prohibited by ordinance or by the Vehicle Code.

[(f)] (g) 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

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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.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon becoming law.

Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.

Italics indicate new matter added.

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