



Legislation Text

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Amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions,” by conditioning the issuance of licenses for public garages and public parking lots on the provision of accessible parking spaces in such garages and lots; and amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Traffic Code,” by prohibiting parking in such accessible parking spaces except by persons parking vehicles lawfully bearing registration plates or parking placards issued to physically handicapped persons or severely-disabled veterans; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code is amended to read as follows:

TITLE 9. REGULATION OF BUSINESSES, TRADES AND PROFESSIONS

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CHAPTER 9-600. SERVICE BUSINESSES

§9-601. Garages, Parking Lots, Sales Lots and Sales Showrooms.

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(2) Public Garages.

(a) Licenses. No license shall be issued to conduct, operate or maintain any public garage unless:

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(.8) the applicant provides accessible parking in accordance with the following, except that a public garage existing at the time this subsection became law which does not permit self-parking and at which vehicles are parked only by attendants need not provide any particular number of accessible parking spaces, but need only provide at least one accessible drop-off and pick-up location, provided that the garage accepts for parking all vehicles modified for people with disabilities, including vehicles equipped with hand controls:

(.a) The applicant shall provide proof of compliance with the required number of accessible and van accessible parking spaces set forth below.

| <i>Total number of parking spaces provided in the public garage</i> | <i>Required total number of accessible spaces (including van spaces)</i> | <i>Required number of van parking spaces</i> |
|---|--|--|
| <i>1 to 25</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>1</i> |

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|----------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 26 to 50 | 2 | 1 |
| 51 to 75 | 3 | 1 |
| 76 to 100 | 4 | 1 |
| 101 to 150 | 5 | 1 |
| 151 to 200 | 6 | 1 |
| 201 to 300 | 7 | 1 |
| 301 to 400 | 8 | 1 |
| 401 to 500 | 9 | 1 |
| 501 to 1000 | 2% of total | 1 for every 8 or fraction of 8 accessible spaces |
| more than 1000 | 20 plus 1 for each 100 over 1000 | 1 for every 8 or fraction of 8 accessible spaces |

(.b) Car and van parking spaces shall be a minimum of 96 inches wide. Car parking spaces shall have an adjacent access aisle a minimum of 60 inches wide. Van parking spaces shall have an adjacent access aisle a minimum of 96 inches wide. Two parking spaces are permitted to share an access aisle. Access aisles shall be marked so as to discourage parking in them.

(.c) Van parking spaces shall have a minimum vertical clearance of 98 inches.

(.d) Each parking space shall be identified by a sign which includes the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with Section 703.7 of ICC/ANSI 117.1, and shall be mounted a minimum of 60 inches minimum above the floor or ground of the parking space, measured to the bottom of the sign.

(.e) Existing garages which do not have parking spaces at grade level or on levels served by pedestrian ramps or elevators are exempt from the requirement to provide accessible parking spaces.

(.f) Existing garages which do not have entrances or parking locations that have a minimum vertical clearance of 98 inches, shall be exempt from the requirement to provide van parking spaces.

(.g) City of Philadelphia police officers and Philadelphia Parking Authority officials shall be authorized to enter public garages for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of subsection 12-1117 (4) (b) relating to improper parking in accessible parking spaces.

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(4) Public Parking Lots.

(a) Licenses. No license shall be issued to conduct, operate or maintain any public parking lot unless:

(.8) the applicant provides accessible parking in accordance with the following, provided that a public parking lot existing at the time this subsection became law which does not permit self-parking and at which vehicles are parked only by attendants need not provide any particular number of accessible parking

spaces, but need only provide at least one accessible drop-off and pick-up location, provided that the parking lot accepts for parking all vehicles modified for people with disabilities, including vehicles equipped with hand controls:

(.a) The applicant shall provide proof of compliance with the required number of accessible and van accessible parking spaces set forth below.

| <i>Total number of parking spaces provided in the public garage</i> | <i>Required total number of accessible spaces (including van spaces)</i> | <i>Required number of van parking spaces</i> |
|---|--|---|
| <i>1 to 25</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>26 to 50</i> | <i>2</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>51 to 75</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>76 to 100</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>101 to 150</i> | <i>5</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>151 to 200</i> | <i>6</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>201 to 300</i> | <i>7</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>301 to 400</i> | <i>8</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>401 to 500</i> | <i>9</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>501 to 1000</i> | <i>2% of total</i> | <i>1 for every 8 or fraction of 8 accessible spaces</i> |
| <i>more than 1000</i> | <i>20 plus 1 for each 100 over 1000</i> | <i>1 for every 8 or fraction of 8 accessible spaces</i> |

(.b) Car and van parking spaces shall be a minimum of 96 inches wide. Car parking spaces shall have an adjacent access aisle a minimum of 60 inches wide. Van parking spaces shall have an adjacent access aisle a minimum of 96 inches wide. Two parking spaces are permitted to share an access aisle. Access aisles shall be marked so as to discourage parking in them.

(.c) Van parking spaces shall have a minimum vertical clearance of 98 inches.

(.d) Each parking space shall be identified by a sign which includes the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with Section 703.7 of ICC/ANSI A 117.1, and shall be mounted a minimum of 60 inches minimum above the floor or ground of the parking space, measured to the bottom of the sign.

(.e) City of Philadelphia police officers and Philadelphia Parking Authority officials shall be authorized to enter public parking lots for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of subsection 12-1117 (4) (b) relating to improper parking in accessible parking spaces.

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SECTION 2. Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended 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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(4) Eligibility requirements for special parking privileges:

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(b) Except for persons parking vehicles lawfully bearing registration plates or parking placards issued to physically handicapped persons or severely-disabled veterans, no person shall park a vehicle in parking spaces reserved for physically handicapped persons and severely-disabled veterans, *including any parking space in a public garage or public parking lot that is identified as an accessible parking space.*

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SECTION 3. Effective dates. Section 1 of this Ordinance shall take effect with respect to the issuance or renewal of public garage and public parking lot licenses for periods beginning on or after January 1, 2001. Section 2 of this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.