

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

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December 1, 2021

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Article 531.11, Parking Prohibited at Handicapped Area, by creating a provision that request of any handicapped person or severely disabled veteran for whom a handicap sign has been erected pursuant to this ordinance, the Allentown Parking Authority may issue to that person a numbered handicap permit and the handicap sign shall be numbered to correspond with the permit. The numbered space may only be occupied by the vehicle bearing the corresponding numbered permit. The Allentown Parking Authority shall erect a sign on or near the handicap sign indicating the restricted nature of the handicap parking space and providing for a penalty for unauthorized parking at a marked handicapped spot.

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

SECTION ONE That Article 531.11 be amended and read as follows:

**~~531.11 PARKING PROHIBITED AT HANDICAPPED AREAS~~**

~~\_\_\_\_\_ No person shall park or leave unattended a vehicle at any place specifically reserved for handicapped parking, unless the parked vehicle has a state issued plate or placard (displayed in a conspicuous manner) for a handicapped person or severely disabled veteran, and is being used in the immediate service of a handicapped person or severely disabled veteran.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ For the purpose of this section, a reserved handicapped parking place must be indicated by a PennDOT approved sign with universally accepted handicapped symbols. Each sign must indicate that a state issued placard or plate must be displayed at all times while parking in the space. (13194 §1 4/21/93)~~

531.11 HANDICAPPED PERSONS AND DISABLED VETERANS.

(a) When a motor vehicle bearing registration plates issued to handicapped persons or disabled veterans as prescribed in the State Vehicle Code is being operated by or for the transportation of the handicapped person or disabled veteran, the driver shall be relieved of any liability for parking for a period of sixty minutes in excess of the legal parking period permitted by local authorities except where local ordinances or police regulations provide for the accommodation of heavy traffic during morning, afternoon and evening hours.

(b) At the request of any handicapped person or severely disabled veteran, the Allentown Parking Authority may erect on the highway, as close as possible to their place of residence, a sign or signs indicating

that the place is reserved for a handicapped person or severely disabled veteran, that no parking is allowed there by others, and that any unauthorized person parking there shall be subject to a fine.

(c) At the request of any handicapped person or severely disabled veteran for whom a handicap sign has been erected pursuant to this ordinance, the Allentown Parking Authority may issue to that person a numbered handicap permit and the handicap sign shall be numbered to correspond with the permit. The numbered space may only be occupied by the vehicle bearing the corresponding numbered permit. The Allentown Parking Authority shall erect a sign on or near the handicap sign indicating the restricted nature of the handicap parking space.

(d) Except for persons parking vehicles lawfully bearing a handicapped or severely disabled veteran registration plate or displaying a handicapped or severely disabled veteran parking placard when such vehicle is being operated by or for the transportation of a handicapped person or severely disabled veteran, no person shall park a vehicle on public or private property reserved for a handicapped person, a severely disabled veteran, or a side-lift vehicle, which property has been posted in accordance with this ordinance.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall go into effect 10 days upon final passage.

SECTION 3. That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.