

RESOLUTION No.

Accept recommendations for a Disabled Parking Program and direct Portland Bureau of Transportation to complete development of the program and implement new regulations effective July 1, 2014 (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the Portland City Council adopted Resolution No. 36562, which established the Disabled Parking Task Force (Task Force) to develop recommendations for City Council on the implementation of Oregon State Senate Bill 716; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force began meeting in February 2008 and submitted a set of recommendations to council in June 2009. The proposed recommendations were not adopted. The Task Force has since reconvened 25 times to advise the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) and the Commissioner-in-Charge regarding creation of a disabled parking program; and

WHEREAS, PBOT developed new recommendations for a Disabled Parking Program and presented these recommendations to the Portland Commission on Disability's Accessibility and Built Environment subcommittee on October 14 and November 4, 2013. Discussion with the full Portland Commission on Disability (PCoD) on the main elements of these recommendations occurred on October 11, 2013. The full recommendations for the Disabled Parking Program will be presented to PCoD on December 13, 2013. Feedback from both these groups was incorporated into the staff recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed recommendations strive to increase accessibility for the disability community by providing priority use of parking near desired destinations within the metered district; and

WHEREAS, the proposed recommendations incorporate the equity vision of the Portland Plan which advocates for reducing disparities in historically underserved communities, including the disabled community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed recommendations incorporate the City's Transportation System Plan policies for on-street parking in the meter district, providing parking for customer turnover, reducing on-street parking use by commuters, efficiently allocating parking among diverse users, and encouraging the use of alternatives to the automobile; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner-in-Charge and PBOT staff presented a recommended Parking Program to the Task Force on November 13, 2013 for review and comments. The Task Force was supportive of the recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Portland endorses the PBOT Recommendations for a Disabled Parking Program as attached as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council directs PBOT to implement the Disabled Parking Program effective July 1, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council directs PBOT to continue to involve the Disabled Parking Task Force, the Portland Commission on Disability, and other stakeholders when implementing the program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council direct the Commissioner-in-Charge of Transportation and city staff to work with stakeholders to create and implement a public outreach and communications plan for the Disabled Parking Program that aims to communicate the goals, rules, and enforcement of the program to those with Disabled Person Parking Permits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council directs PBOT to return to Council with any necessary code changes for implementation of the recommended program to be effective July 1, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council directs PBOT to return to Council with a review and evaluation of the program including, but not limited to, placard use, program participation, permit applications, enforcement practices, and community input in July 2015.

Adopted by the Council,

Commissioner Steve Novick
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