

TITLE:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP CHAPTER 200 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" TO UPDATE HANDICAPPED PARKING REGULATIONS. (Sponsored by Council Member Tency A. Eason).

WHEREAS, finding adequate parking is a habitual issue encountered by the residents and patrons of business in the City of Orange Township; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township is consistently looking for new ways to address the parking needs within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township previously established regulations for reviewing and approving handicapped parking space; and

WHEREAS, a determination has been made that these regulations need to be updated to provide greater oversight of applications for handicapped parking spaces.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipal Governing Body of the City of Orange Township that the municipal code be amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1.

§ 200-18.1. Handicapped parking spaces.

- J. ~~Before final adoption~~ Effective February 1, 2023, prior to introduction of an ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space, the Department of Public Works shall obtain a report from the City Engineer that examines the feasibility of each proposed handicapped parking space. The Department of Public Works and shall provide a copy of the Engineer's report to the City Clerk and shall also report to the City Council if there is any public policy reason for denying approval of the proposed space, including, but not limited to: (1) parking is otherwise prohibited in the area; (2) the restricted space will interfere with the normal flow of traffic; (3) the number and/or nature of commercial establishments in the area make the restricted space burdensome and impractical; (4) the existence of other restricted parking spaces in the vicinity of the proposed space is likely to create an unreasonable burden on neighboring residents. The requirement for the report from the City Engineer shall not apply to ordinances for handicapped parking spaces introduced prior to February 1, 2023. It shall be the responsibility of the City Clerk to distribute the City Engineer's report to the City Council. The Director of the Department of Public Works or a designee shall provide written notice of any denial of an application for a handicapped parking space to the applicant and provide the reason for the denial. send on the day following introduction of an ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space a written notice to the Public Works Department advising of the date for final adoption of said ordinance.

SECTION 2. Inconsistencies

All other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed but only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

SECTION 3. Headings

All headings within this ordinance are for convenience only and are not deemed to be part of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and upon expiration of twenty (20) days following publication unless otherwise provided by resolution of this City Council.

PURPOSE

To update the regulations for review and approval of handicapped parking spaces.

FISCAL IMPACT

Minimal.

Adopted:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President

Approved by :

Dwayne D. Warren, Esq.
Mayor

Dated: _____