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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members In Session:

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SIX MONTH PILOT CITY-WIDE PROGRAM FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES IN OFF-STREET PARKING LOTS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 1992-93 ON-STREET OPERATING BUDGET

**LOCATION:** City Wide

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS:** All Districts

**SUMMARY**

This report recommends a six month pilot program for city-wide enforcement of disabled persons parking regulations. Enforcement of handicapped parking spaces would require the addition of one limited term Parking Enforcement Officer in the Public Works Department and related equipment. The program will generate approximately \$26,733 in net revenues in the first year for six months of operation. At the completion of the six month pilot program, a report back to Council will be made to include operational plans and recommendations for the staffing of a full-time program.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the attached resolution to establish a six month pilot handicapped parking violations enforcement program throughout the City of Sacramento and amend the FY 1992-93 On-Street Parking operational budget in the amount of \$36,674 for initial costs and first year

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operating expenses, including the addition of 1.0 limited term Parking Enforcement Officer.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Handicapped parking spaces are required in both on-street locations and off-street parking lots, to provide handicapped drivers easy unrestricted access to facilities. When these parking spaces are used by unauthorized vehicles, handicapped individuals may be denied access to the facility.

Considerable public attention has been directed at the abuse of handicapped parking privileges. During the past year the Department of Motor Vehicles has made several well publicized enforcement efforts in Sacramento and in other California cities. State legislators are considering increasing the fine for handicapped parking violations. Citizens and organizations for the handicapped have encouraged stricter enforcement of existing laws.

Recently, the Police Department conducted a one week test to determine the need for enforcing handicapped parking spaces in private and commercial parking lots. Reserve Police Officers were directed to cite vehicles illegally parked in handicapped parking spaces. In twenty-four hours of parking enforcement time, twenty-seven (27) citations were written for handicapped parking violations. In an expanded one month trial conducted by the Police Department, Reserve Police Officers patrolled throughout the City enforcing laws relating to handicapped parking. During this trial period one hundred ninety-four citations were issued using one hundred fifty-two hours of enforcement and training time.

Currently, the fine for illegally parking in a handicapped space is \$109. The net revenues after all expenses from the two Police Department test programs were estimated to be \$1,117 for the twenty-four hour test period and \$8,846 for the one month trial program.

### ***Legislation***

A City Ordinance is not necessary for the implementation of a handicapped parking enforcement program. California Vehicle Code 22507.8, prohibits vehicles from parking in or blocking the access to handicapped parking spaces unless the vehicle displays the

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proper license plate or placard. This section of the vehicle code applies to off-street parking facilities owned or operated by a local authority and to any privately owned and maintained parking facility. Section 25.112 (e) of the City Code applies to on-street handicapped parking spaces.

***Program Implementation***

Area of Enforcement: Parking regulations are currently enforced in the area generally bounded by the Sacramento River, West El Camino, Howe Avenue/65th Expressway, and Fruitridge Road. It is proposed that the enforcement of handicapped parking in off-street parking lots be extended to include all areas within the City limits seven days per week. Actual days and hours of enforcement would be determined based on need and parking demand. The expanded area for handicapped parking violations would provide additional enforcement where enforcement currently is not provided on any regular basis. With an expanded area of enforcement, the Parking Enforcement Officers could maintain a consistent level of productivity without over enforcement of any one area.

Responsibilities: The responsibility of the enforcement of handicapped parking spaces in off-street parking lots will be assumed by the Parking Section of the Transportation Division, Department of Public Works. This will allow the Police Department to focus their efforts and resources on higher priorities. The Parking Enforcement Unit will carry out the day to day activities of the program.

Due to the size of the area of enforcement, it is not cost effective to use existing Parking Enforcement personnel for this function.

Staffing: The staffing of the six month pilot program will consist of one limited term Parking Enforcement Officer to specialize in the enforcement of handicapped parking spaces in off-street parking lots.

The Parking Engineering Technician will survey the areas prior to enforcement and inventory the handicapped spaces and locations. The Parking Enforcement Supervisor will

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plan and coordinate the day-to-day operations of the unit, maintain communications, respond to public counter and telephone inquiries, and prepare the necessary logs and reports.

Implementation: Enforcement of handicapped parking spaces will include the enforcement of all off-street private and commercial parking lots to include parking garages, office buildings, shopping malls, strip shopping centers, movie theaters, and stand alone businesses. There may be some opposition by business owners to the City enforcing handicapped parking regulations on private property. They will contend that issuing citations to their patrons will adversely affect their business. Prior to enforcing an area for the first time, the business owner or manager will be contacted and the enforcement program will be explained. During this time vehicles parked in violation will be issued warnings giving notice that repeat violations will subject to citation.

The implementation of an off-street handicapped parking enforcement program can only take place after personnel are hired and equipment procured. It is estimated that after this program has been approved and funding authorized, there will be three months for the hiring of personnel and the procurement of equipment prior to implementation.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

In a test conducted by the Police Department, twenty-seven citations were written in twenty-four hours of enforcement time or approximately nine citations in an eight hour work day. It is estimated that a Parking Enforcement Officer specializing in the enforcement of handicapped parking in off-street parking lots would continue this average level of productivity.

It is anticipated that the fines collected from handicapped parking violations will reflect the rate of collection for other parking violations. Approximately 70 percent of all parking citations are collected. Five dollars of every citation collected goes to various State and County funds. An additional two percent of the citation revenue is deducted for the County's automation fund. The remaining citation revenue is subject to a 79/21 percent revenue distribution per agreement between the City and the County.

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Estimates of annual revenues and expenditures, including first-year start-up costs, are as follows:

FIRST YEAR OPERATING BUDGET  
(six months)

1 Limited Term FTE Parking Enforcement Officer (salary and benefits)	\$ 18,000
Equipment	\$ 15,900
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 2,066
Services/Supplies	\$ <u>708</u>
Total First Year Expenses	\$ 36,674
Total First Year Revenue	\$ <u>63,407</u>
First Year Net Revenue	\$ 26,733

PROJECTED ANNUAL REVENUES

Estimated Citations	2,250
(1 Enforcement Officer x 9 cites per day x 5 days per week x 50 weeks per year)	
Net Citations (collection rate of 70%)	1,575
Handicapped Parking Space Violator Fine	x\$ <u>109</u>
Gross Revenue	\$171,675
County and State Fees	(\$ 7,875)
2% Automated Systems	(\$ 3,276)
Revenue Subject To City/County Split	\$160,524
	x <u>.79</u>
City Revenue	\$126,814

PROJECTED ANNUAL EXPENSES

1 FTE Parking Enforcement Officer (salary and benefits)	\$ 36,000
Services and Supplies	\$ <u>4,854</u>
Total Annual Expenses	\$ 40,854
Net Revenue	\$ 85,960

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The off-street handicapped pilot parking enforcement program will generate approximately \$26,733 in net revenues in the first year for six months of operation. The estimated annual net revenue, thereafter, is \$85,960.

The pilot handicapped parking enforcement program requires an amendment to increase the FY 1992-93 operating budget for On-Street Parking in the amount of \$36,674 for start-up and operational costs. This includes the addition of 1.0 limited term Parking Enforcement Officer. In addition, it is necessary to amend the FY 1992-93 City revenue budget for the On-Street Parking organization by adding \$63,407 in gross citation revenue from the handicapped parking enforcement program.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

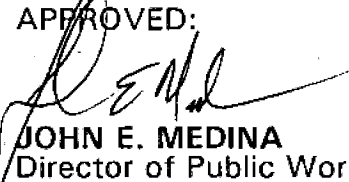
The Handicapped Parking Enforcement Program will be a new policy for the City of Sacramento, whereby the enforcement of handicapped parking spaces will increase throughout the City of Sacramento. This will assure greater compliance with parking regulations established to assist disabled persons to have greater access privileges.

**MBE/WBE**

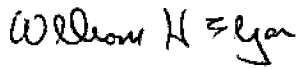
Materials and services associated with the start-up of this program will be procured in accordance with the City's MBE/WBE policy.

Respectfully submitted,

  
**MICHAEL KASHIWAGI**  
Transportation Division Manager

APPROVED:  
  
**JOHN E. MEDINA**  
Director of Public Works

**RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:**

  
**WALTER J. SLIPE**  
City Manager

Contact Person:  
J. Mark Morgan  
Parking Administrator  
264-7475

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Attachment

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:**  
October 20, 1992

**RESOLUTION NO.**

92-761

**APPROVED**  
BY THE CITY COUNCIL

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

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ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

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**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PILOT CITY-WIDE PROGRAM FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES IN OFF-STREET PARKING LOTS AND AMENDING THE FY 1992-93 ON-STREET PARKING OPERATING BUDGET**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:**

- 1. That a pilot city-wide program for the enforcement of handicapped parking spaces in off-street parking lots is hereby established;
- 2. That the FY 1992-93 City budget be amended as follows:

a.	On-Street Parking Citation Revenue	(101-310-3124-3301)	\$ 190,221
b.	<u>On-Street Parking</u>		
	1.0 Limited Term Parking Enforcement		
	Officer	(101-310-3124-4101)	\$ 18,000
	Printing	(101-310-3124-4213)	152
	Rental of Equipment	(101-310-3124-4234)	2,066
	Registration	(101-310-3124-4272)	36
	Safety Equipment	(101-310-3124-4431)	110
	Clothing/Uniforms	(101-310-3124-4492)	410
	Equipment	(101-310-3124-4639)	\$ 15,900
			\$ 36,674

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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## ON-STREET PARKING PROGRAMS

	Annual Cost	Annual Revenue	Net Benefit
<b>Current on-street parking enforcement program</b>	<b>\$1,127,000</b>	<b>\$1,900,000</b>	<b>\$ 773,000</b>
<b>Booting</b>	<b>+ 80,000</b>	<b>+ 172,000</b>	<b>+ 92,000</b>
<b>Additional handicapped parking enforcement</b>	<b>+ 41,000</b>	<b>+ 127,000</b>	<b>+ 86,000</b>
<b>City collection of delinquent citations</b>	<b>+ 189,000</b>	<b>+ 362,000</b>	<b>+ 173,000</b>
<b>City collection of all parking citations (currently performed by county/courts)</b>	<b>+ 291,000</b>	<b>+ 441,000</b>	<b>+ 150,000</b>
<b>Subtotal, new programs</b>	<b>\$ 601,000</b>	<b>\$1,102,000</b>	<b>\$ 501,000</b>
<b>TOTAL, on-street enforcement</b>	<b>\$1,728,000</b>	<b>\$3,002,000</b>	<b>\$1,274,000</b>





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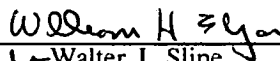
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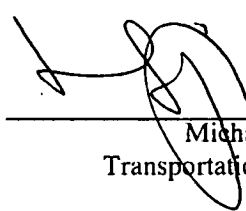
**SUBJECT: ON-STREET PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

- **RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SIX MONTH PILOT CITY-WIDE PROGRAM FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES IN OFF-STREET PARKING LOTS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL 1992/93 ON-STREET OPERATING BUDGET.**

The attached report concerning enforcement of handicapped parking spaces will be scheduled as an evening staff report on October 20, 1992. This report is provided for public information. No action on the item is requested at this time.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Walter J. Slipe  
City Manager

  
Michael Kashiwagi  
Transportation Division Manager

Contact Person: J. Mark Morgan  
Parking Administrator  
264-5354

For the Council Meeting: October 6, 1992



**Capitol CAPH Chapter**

California Association of Persons with Handicaps (CAPH)

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Mayor Anne Rudin  
City of Sacramento  
915 "I" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

October 18, 1992

Dear Mayor Rudin:

On October 20 the City Council will consider a staff recommendation to establish a pilot program for improving the enforcement of handicap parking laws within the city of Sacramento. On behalf of the Sacramento Chapter of the California Association of Persons with Handicaps (CAPH), I strongly urge you and your colleagues on the City Council to vote for the establishment of a pilot program in the area of handicap parking enforcement.

Access to handicap parking is of great importance to CAPH members as we go about our daily lives, and enforcement of handicap parking laws is the key to ensuring such access. There are few things more frustrating than not being able to go to a store, attend a concert, get to one's job on time, or participate in a public meeting, due to a lack of handicap parking. This frustration is compounded when we observe that a handicap parking space is being occupied illegally, and there is no parking enforcement officer nearby.

CAPH applauds Sacramento for recognizing that better enforcement is needed in this area, and we look forward to working with city staff and council members in developing the pilot program.

Sincerely,

*Chris Elms*

CHRIS ELMS, Chapter Vice-President

cc: Walter J. Slife, City Manager  
Robert P. Thomas, Deputy City Manager  
J. Mark Morgan, Parking Administrator

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