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Substitute resolution amending the 2013-2014 state legislative package relating to disabled parking.

This resolution directs the Intergovernmental Relations Division to develop, and seek to introduce and pass legislation to broaden the City of Milwaukee's authority to enact ordinances to charge parking meter fees and to impose time limits on meter-parking designated for disabled persons. It further so directs the IRD concerning legislation to enable the City of Milwaukee to enact an ordinance to set a one-hour grace period allowing vehicles used to transport disabled persons to remain parked in spaces designated for disabled persons for one hour after posted time limits expire without being liable for additional parking meter fees or citation.

Whereas, Section 346.50(3m), Wis. Stats., narrowly defines the City of Milwaukee's authority to enact ordinances imposing time limits on parking designated for disabled persons; and

Whereas, Section 346.50(2a), Wis. Stats., prohibits the City from charging fees on 30-minute or longer parking meters designated for disabled persons; and

Whereas, Broadening the City's authority to enact ordinances to charge parking meter fees and to impose time limits on meter parking designated for disabled persons will ensure greater access to these parking meters to more disabled persons, and better protect the interests of disabled persons and the general public; and

Whereas, It is widely believed that many persons monopolizing parking designated for disabled persons for extended periods are either not disabled, or are not providing transportation for disabled persons at the time; and

Whereas, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and Pittsburg charge fees at parking meters designated for disabled persons and set time limits for parking at these meters to curb abuses and to provide greater access to the benefit for more disabled persons; and

Whereas, Various other municipalities including Minneapolis, Denver, Oklahoma City, and the Washington state cities of Seattle, Vancouver and Spokane have enacted legislation to limit the time disabled persons are allowed to remain parked in parking spaces designated for disabled person to curb abuses and to provide greater access to the benefit for more disabled persons; and

Whereas, Philadelphia and Pittsburg allow a one-hour grace period allowing vehicles used to transport disabled persons to remain parked in spaces designated for disabled persons for one hour after posted time limits expire without liability for additional parking meter fees or citation; and

Whereas, Setting a one-hour period grace during which a person parking in a space designated for disabled persons will not be liable for citation gives persons with diminished mobility sufficient time to return to the parking site without penalty; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Intergovernmental Relations Division-Department of Administration is directed to develop, and seek introduction and passage legislation to amend ss. 346.50(3m), and 346.20(2a), Wis. Stats., and all other relevant state statutes, to broaden the City's authority to enact ordinances to charge parking meter fees, to impose time limits on meter-parking designated for disabled persons and to set a one-hour grace period allowing vehicles used to transport disabled persons to remain parked in spaces designated for disabled persons for one hour after posted time limits expire without liability for additional parking meter fees or citation; and, be it

Further Resolved, That File Number 121009 is amended by adding the following item in the document attached to the file and identified as "2013-2014 State Legislative Package Proposals":

Department	Category	Proposal
Common Council	Crime and Public Safety	Amend ss. 346.50(3m), and 346.20(2a), Wis. Stats., and all relevant state statutes to allow the City to charge parking fees, impose time limits and set grace periods on parking designated for disabled persons.

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