

MOTION

In 2013, the City Council adopted a resolution (Council File 13-0465) implementing California Vehicle Code Section 22511.57 regarding the misuse of a disabled parking placard or special license plate. Specifically, the resolution prohibited the use of a disabled parking placard or special license plate that according to DMV records had been lost, stolen, surrendered, canceled, revoked, or expired, or was issued to a person who has been deceased for more than 60 days. The resolution also prohibited the use of a disabled placard or special license plate when not transporting the individual to whom the placard or license plate was issued.

The Council resolution, however, did not provide for a monetary penalty for violating these prohibitions, and instances of misuse of disabled parking placards and special license plates has not abated.

People who misuse disabled parking placards and special license plates, especially in urban areas where parking is in short supply, limit the available parking for disabled persons, tie-up street parking spaces often all day, and cheat the City out of parking revenue.

California Vehicle Code Section 40203.5 authorizes local governments to impose a monetary penalty of not less than \$250 or more than \$1,000 on an individual who misuses a disabled parking placard or special license plate. State law also imposes an additional 10% of the penalty, which is deposited with the City.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present a draft ordinance amending Section 89.60 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to add a monetary civil penalty in the maximum amount allowed by State law for misuse of disabled parking placards and special license plates as provided in the City Council resolution adopted May 1, 2013.

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