

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Transportation Code - Disabled Parking Placard or License Plate Restrictions]

Ordinance amending the Transportation Code, Division I, to prohibit, on any street, alley, or portion of a street or alley, or in any municipal or private parking facility, the parking of a vehicle displaying a disabled parking placard or special license plate, in order to obtain special parking privileges, that has been reported as lost, stolen, surrendered, canceled, revoked, or expired, or issued to a person who has been reported as deceased for a period exceeding sixty days; is not being used to transport, and is not in the reasonable proximity of, the person to whom the license plate or placard was issued or a person who is authorized to be transported in the vehicle displaying that placard or license plate; or is counterfeit, forged, altered, or mutilated.

Existing Law

California Vehicle Code section 22511.57 authorizes the City and County of San Francisco to prohibit or restrict the parking or standing of a vehicle on any street or highway, or in a parking stall or space in a publicly or privately owned or operated off-street parking facility within its jurisdiction by ordinance or resolution. In 1996, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 195-96 to implement Vehicle Code section 22511.57 to establish a violation for misuse of a disabled placard when the placard has been reported lost, stolen or issued to a deceased person.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance prohibits the display of disabled parking placards or license plates under certain circumstances as authorized by Vehicle Code section 22511.57.

Background Information

In order to provide members of the public adequate notice of the prohibited conduct, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency ("SFMTA") would like to codify these disabled parking placard and license plate restrictions as an ordinance instead of as a resolution.