

FILE NO. 081184

RESOLUTION NO. 459-08

1 [Urging the State of California to amend the Vehicle Code regarding disabled parking  
2 placards.]

3 **Resolution urging the State of California to amend the Vehicle Code to raise fines for**  
4 **counterfeit or misuse of disabled parking placards, strengthen criteria for disabled**  
5 **parking placards eligibility, and requiring photo identification of disabled placard user**  
6 **on placard.**

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8 WHEREAS, According to statistics provided by the SF MTA, at any give time 22% of  
9 metered parking spaces in San Francisco are occupied by cars with disabled parking  
10 placards; and,

11 WHEREAS, The hanging disabled parking placards are easily and regularly transferred  
12 between cars, friends and family members who aren't qualified to use them, and,

13 WHEREAS, A Civil Grand Jury Report released July 9, 2007, made a series of  
14 recommendations to reduce disabled parking placard abuse; and,

15 WHEREAS, Those recommendations have, for the most part, not been implemented;  
16 and,

17 WHEREAS, San Francisco's efforts toward curtailing parking placard violations have  
18 been hindered at the State level by a limit on fines; and,

19 WHEREAS, While 50,700 San Francisco drivers have been issued legal disabled  
20 parking placards and park without charge or time limits every day, the thousands who use the  
21 placards illegally are contributing to a considerable drop in parking meter revenue, therefore,  
22 be it

23 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the State of California  
24 to amend the Vehicle Code to raise the fine for counterfeit or misuse of disabled parking  
25 placards to \$1000; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the State  
2 Of California to create more stringent criteria for medical professionals to use to determine  
3 eligibility for disabled parking placards; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State study the feasibility of including photo  
5 identification on the disabled parking placards to aid parking control officers in determining  
6 placard abuse, misuse or counterfeiting; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State cross reference drivers' licenses and death  
8 records with holders of disability placards, so that placards do not remain in circulation after  
9 the owner has died; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State explore a process of regular re-certification for  
11 placard holders whose disability might resolve or diminish over time; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City agencies identified in the 2007 Civil Grand Jury  
13 Report follow the recommendations listed therein.



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Resolution urging the State of California to amend the Vehicle Code to raise fines for counterfeit or misuse of disabled parking placards, strengthen criteria for disabled parking placards eligibility, and requiring photo identification of disabled placard user on placard.

October 28, 2008 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 28, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom

11/7/2008

Date Approved