

	<b>AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>		Agenda Item number: 7a
	Title:	<b>Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 10, “Vehicles and Traffic,” Chapter 10.41, “Handicapped Parking,” Section 10.41.010, “Handicapped Parking Placards,” and Section 10.41.020, “Applications,” of the St. Charles Municipal Code</b>	
Presenter:	<b>City Administrator Heather McGuire</b>		

**Meeting:** Government Operations Committee

**Date:** August 21, 2023

**Proposed Cost:** \$

**Budgeted Amount:** \$

**Not Budgeted:**

**TIF District:** None

**Executive Summary** (if not budgeted, please explain):

The St. Charles Municipal Code specifies that the City issue temporary accessible parking placards to St. Charles residents. The placards are issued for ninety (90) days with a one-time renewal. To qualify for this service, we require a form from a physician.

We have seen a decline in the number of placards being requested, likely because of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) location that opened up on the east side. Residents can get permanent or temporary placards at the DMV location.

With the decline in residents participating, the rising cost of the placards, and that there is no way to receive a refund or credit for unused placards. I recommend amending Title 10 by deleting Section 10.41.010, “Handicapped Parking Placards,” and Section 10.41.020, “Applications,” of the St. Charles Municipal Code.

If the City Council agrees, we will begin phasing out the program over the next year.

Year	Cost	Amount Used
2023	151.00	3
2022	\$310.95	17
2021	\$282.01	31
2020	\$280.06	32
2019	\$278.89	n/a
2018	\$258.80	n/a
2017	\$161.65	n/a
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1572.36</b>	

**Attachments** (please list):

Code revisions in ordinance format.

**Recommendation/Suggested Action** (briefly explain):

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CITY OF ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS  
ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10,  
“VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,” CHAPTER 10.41, “HANDICAPPED PARKING,”  
SECTION 10.41.010, “HANDICAPPED PARKING PLACARDS,”  
AND SECTION 10.41.020, “APPLICATIONS,”  
OF THE ST. CHARLES MUNICIPAL CODE

PRESENTED & PASSED BY THE  
CITY COUNCIL ON \_\_\_\_\_

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES, KANE, AND DUPAGE  
COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Title 10, “Vehicles and Traffic,” Chapter 10.41, “Handicapped Parking,” of  
the St. Charles Municipal Code be and is hereby amended by deleting Sections 10.41.010,  
“Handicapped Parking Placards,” and Section 10.41.020, “Applications.”

10.41.010—Handicapped Parking Placards

~~The city shall provide a handicapped motorist placard which shall be issued to a handicapped person. This placard shall be the property of such handicapped individual and may be used only by that person to designate and identify a vehicle not owned by that person or not displaying a handicapped registration plate, as provided for in 625 ILCS 5/11-1301.2 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, to designate when the vehicle is being used to transport said handicapped person.~~

~~Such placard must be prominently displayed by hanging it from the rear view mirror so as to be visible through the front windshield. If no rear view mirror is available, the placard may be prominently displayed on the dashboard or sun visor so as to be visible through the front windshield.~~

~~A placard will be issued for a 90-day period to applicants who have a disability that is temporary in nature, and may be renewed once for a like period based upon continued disability. Any person needing more than one (1) renewal is to be referred to the Secretary of State’s Office for a handicapped parking placard.~~

~~The temporary placards will follow the same design, color, and size specifications as the placards issued by the Illinois Secretary of State, and will have identification of the issuing authority. Temporary placards will be issued for a 90-day period. All individuals with permanent disabilities are to be referred to the Illinois Secretary of State’s office.~~

~~10.41.020—Applications~~

~~An application for a special device for a motor vehicle shall be made by a physically handicapped person with the City Clerk. The City Clerk or authorized representative shall issue a temporary handicapped motorist placard as provided for in this chapter. Such application shall be accompanied by a certificate of a physician that such person has a temporary disability as defined in 625 ILCS 5/1-159.1 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.~~

Section 2. That after the adoption and approval hereof, the Ordinance shall (i) be printed or published in book or pamphlet form, published by the authority of the Council, or (ii) within thirty (30) days after the adoption and approval hereof, be published in a newspaper published in and with a general circulation within the City of St. Charles.

PRESENTED to the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

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Lora A. Vitek, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

COUNCIL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: