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BOROUGH OF FREEPORT
County of Armstrong
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

ORDINANCE NO. 342

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF ARMSTRONG, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING A POLICY WITH REGARD TO HANDICAPPED PARKING PLACES IN THE BOROUGH OF FREEPORT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 3354 OF THE VEHICLES LAW OF PENNSYLVANIA; ESTABLISHING AN APPLICATION AND RENEWAL PROCESS; ESTABLISHING FEES; AND, REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Freeport recognizes that there are citizens within its border that are handicapped persons or severely disabled veterans; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3354, Subsection (d), Paragraph (2) of *The Vehicles Law of Pennsylvania, Title 75*, otherwise known as the *Vehicle Code*, local authorities may install as close as possible to their place of residence, signage indicating that that place is reserved for handicapped persons or severely disabled veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Freeport, regularly assembled, and IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the authority of the same, that the Borough of Freeport (hereinafter "the Borough") establish an application process by which need is established to fairly and equitably distribute these parking places, along with a renewal process so that the handicapped person or severely disabled veteran can demonstrate a continued need for a designated handicapped parking space, by observing the following:

Section 1. Application Procedures

- A. Citizens of Freeport desiring a handicapped parking place shall be directed to the Freeport Police Station to obtain a *PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PARKING PLACE APPLICATION* (a copy of which is attached herein).
- B. The completed application shall be returned to the Chief of Police, along with proper payment.
- C. The Chief of Police shall direct the application to Freeport Borough Council, or its designee, for review and subsequent approval or disapproval within sixty (60) days of the date of application.
- D. Approved applications, along with fee payment, shall then be delivered to the Borough Secretary and a *Handicapped Parking Place Work Order* (a copy of which is attached herein) generated from there for the installation of the handicapped parking place.
- E. Disapproved applications shall be returned to the applicant, along with the fee payment.
- F. The Handicapped Parking Place Work Order, along with a copy of the approved application and location diagram, shall be generated from the approved application, thereby authorizing the Borough of Freeport Street Department to perform the necessary work to install a handicapped parking place.
- G. A list of approved handicapped parking places will be maintained by the Freeport Police Department. The list shall be updated each year, immediately after the annual March 1 to March 31 Renewal Period, and a copy of the list provided to the Borough Secretary.
- H. Applicants shall be advised that, once a handicapped Space is provided, that space may be used by any vehicle bearing a current handicapped placard, or plate.

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Section 2. Renewal Procedures

- A. All handicapped parking privileges are subject to renewal each year by way of the Persons with Disabilities Parking Place Yearly Renewal application, regardless of the date when the handicapped parking privileges were granted initially.**

- B. The renewal period for handicapped parking privileges shall be Between March 1 and March 31 of each year; renewal applications shall be filed with the Freeport Police Department.**

- C. All residents currently having restricted Handicapped Parking Signs in front of their premises shall apply to the Freeport Police Station within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this ordinance for renewal of their handicap status. Failure to do so will result in the removal of the sign. Each person grandfathered must fill out a Persons With Disability Parking Place Yearly Renewal Application.**

Section 3. Fees

All completed applications must be accompanied by a check or money order, made payable to the Borough of Freeport in an exact amount as may be determined by the Freeport Borough Council from time to time.

Section 4. Penalties

An individual who submits a false application to the Chief of Police shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined six hundred (\$600) dollars and costs, or imprisonment of not more than ninety (90) days, or both. Each false application submitted to the Chief of Police shall constitute a separate offense. The Borough of Freeport reserves the right to revoke any Handicapped Parking Privilege based on found complaints of abuse. Confirmed abuse of the Handicapped Parking Privilege will result in removal of the Handicapped Parking space.

Section 5. Rejoinder

All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this, 2nd DAY OF APRIL, 2001

ATTEST: *Grace Ravotti*

James M. Seagriff, Jr.
President of Council
James M. Seagriff, Jr.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED this 2nd DAY OF APRIL 2001

ATTEST- *Grace Ravotti*
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Mayor - Robert Ravotti

Borough Secretary

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