

**CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL**

**Agenda Item G  
August 11, 2008**

**SUBJECT: Consideration of Ordinance No. 08-8.02, an amendment to the Novi Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, "Offenses", Section 22-257, "Traffic Control Devices" and Section 22-258, "Stopping, Standing, Parking Motor Vehicles" in order to update language. Second Reading**

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Police Department *DEM*

**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:** *[Signature]*

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Attached for City Council consideration is the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the City of Novi Code in order to update language. The amendment to Chapter 22 set forth in Ordinance 08-8.02 addresses a change in terminology. The existing ordinance uses the term "handicapper" in Section 22-257(a)(2) and Section 22-258(2). The amendment replaces this term with the term "handicapped person." No other changes were made to these sections.

The Amendment was approved for the First Reading by City Council on July 28, 2008.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration of Ordinance No. 08-8.02, an amendment to the Novi Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22, "Offenses", Section 22-257, "Traffic Control Devices" and Section 22-258, "Stopping, Standing, Parking Motor Vehicles" in order to update language. Second Reading**

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Mayor Landry				
Mayor Pro Tem Capello				
Council Member Crawford				
Council Member Gatt				

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Council Member Margolis				
Council Member Mutch				
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# Attorney's Letter



July 16, 2008

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Re: *Revisions to Handicapped Person Parking Regulations*  
Our File No. 55142 NOV

Dear Mayor and Council:

Attached are drafts of proposed ordinances to amend the current regulations related to handicapped person parking and parking permit regulations. The City had requested the regulations be updated to more closely track the state law provisions. The attached Ordinance 08-8.02 amends Chapter 22, "Offenses", Section 22-257, "Traffic Control Devices" and section 22-258, "Stopping, Standing, Parking Motor Vehicles". Ordinance 08-81.23 amends Chapter 33, "Traffic and Motor Vehicles", Section 33-42, "Handicapped Person" and Section 33-490, "Parking Prohibited in Specified Places". Finally, Ordinance 08-90.02 amends Chapter 33, Division 3, Section 33-636, "Definitions", Section 33-637, "Spaces for Physically Limited Persons", Section 33-638, "Courtesy in the Parking of a Vehicle", Section 33-639, "Free Parking in Metered Space or in Publicly Owned Parking Structure", Section 33-640, "Display Requirements", Section 33-641, "Misuse of Handicapped Parking Privileges" and Section 33-642, "Penalties". These ordinances address the instructions from the City, as explained below.

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The amendment to Chapter 33 in Ordinance 08-81.23 is a similar terminology change. The term "handicapper" is changed to "handicapped person" in Section 33-490(a)(19). An additional change is made in Article II, Division 1, "Words and Phrases Defined", Section 33-42, "Handicapped". Rather than defining the term, the section is amended to merely adopt by reference the definition found in the state statute, MCL §257.19a.

The amendments found in Ordinance 08-90.02 are more extensive. The Ordinance amends Chapter 33, Division 3, to parallel the state regulations regarding handicapped person parking. The amendments are as follows:

**Section 33-636**, "Definitions", is amended to amend the definitions of "handicapped persons" to change the terminology and to adopt by reference the state law definition. The "parking area" definition is broadened to include more than just shopping centers. The definition of "special registration plates" also adopts by reference the state law definition. The definition of "shopping center" is deleted.

**Section 33-637**, "Spaces for Physically Limited Persons", is amended to revise the terminology.

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**Section 33-642**, "Penalties", is added to provide civil infraction penalties for violations and provides confiscation remedies.

With the amendments and added provisions, the City's code will now reflect the state law regulations related to handicapped person parking regulations.

We look forward to discussing the issue with Council. If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Mark S. Roberts

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Enclosure

cc: Clay Pearson, City Manager  
Marianne Cornelius, City Clerk

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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
CITY OF NOVI  
ORDINANCE NO. 08-8.02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 22, "OFFENSES", SECTION 22-257, "TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES" AND SECTION 22-258, "STOPPING, STANDING, PARKING MOTOR VEHICLES" IN ORDER TO UPDATE LANGUAGE.

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

PART I

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(b) At the request of the school district, or its duly authorized designee, the traffic engineer may approve traffic control devices already existing on properties owned or controlled by the school district.

(Ord. No. 84-8.01, § 4.01, 3-12-84)

**Cross references:** Traffic-control devices generally, § 33.216 et seq.

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**Severability.** Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

## PART III

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**Effective Date: Publication.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption and shall be published within 15 days of its adoption by publication of a brief notice in a newspaper circulated in the City, stating the date of enactment and the effective date of the ordinance, a brief statement as to the subject matter of this Ordinance and such other facts as the Clerk shall deem pertinent, and that a copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

Made, Passed and Adopted by the Novi City Council this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2008.

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David B. Landry, Mayor

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Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

### Certificate of Adoption

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the ordinance adopted at the regular meeting of the Novi City Council held on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2008.

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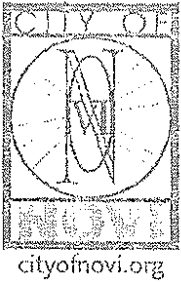
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