



## CITY OF HOUSTON – CITY COUNCIL

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### Proposition A Council Member Item: Disabled Veteran Parking

**Summary:** ORDINANCE to allow free off-street parking to disabled veterans.

**Background:** Section 26-83 of the Houston Code of Ordinances, pursuant to section 681.008 of the Texas Transportation Code, permits disabled veterans are able to park for free at city parking facilities and garages.

**Specific Explanation:** This ordinance allows disabled veterans to park both at on-street and off-street facilities for free.

### **Proposal:**

Section 26-83 of the Houston Code of Ordinances shall be replaced with the following:

Pursuant to the provisions of section 681.008 of the Texas Transportation Code, as amended, the exemption from the payment of a parking meter fee for certain veterans and military award recipients shall also apply to payment of a parking fee or penalty imposed by the city for parking in a public parking garage or public parking lot. Any exemption shall not extend past the time limit applicable to the parking meter or parking garage or lot. This exemption from paying a parking fee or penalty shall extend to street parking and parking facilities owned by the city, and shall extend to vehicles and operators issued a state license plate for veterans with disabilities. Unless otherwise noted in this section or another applicable ordinance or statute, this exemption from paying a parking fee or penalty shall not exceed 12 hours or after 2 AM, whichever is earlier. This exemption from paying a parking fee or penalty shall not, however, extend to parking reservations and designated valet and short-term hourly parking in Houston Airport System parking lots and parking garages. At Houston Airport System parking lots and parking garages, the time limit is set at five consecutive 24-hour periods (days) in the parking garages, and 60 days in the ecopark lots. Parking past the time limit requires payment at the posted daily parking rates for each 24-hour period (day). ~~At parking garages managed by the Houston First Corporation, the exemption does not extend to overnight parking, and parking overnight requires payment at the posted daily parking rate.~~

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