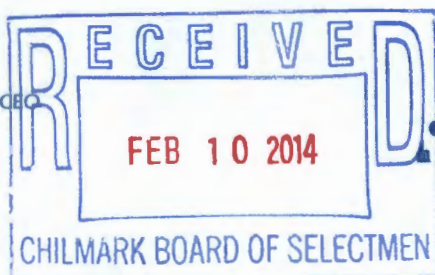




Deval L. Patrick, Governor
Richard A. Davey, Secretary & CEO
Rachel Kaprielian, Registrar



November, 2013

Dear Town/City Official,

The Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has partnered with the Inspector General's Office (IGO), Massachusetts State Police and Massachusetts Office on Disability to remind you of an initiative that we believe will benefit your community and improve the quality of life for your disabled residents. In recent years, the IGO and RMV uncovered widespread abuse of the state's handicap parking program in Boston. Efforts by the State Police and Boston Transportation Department over the years have led to the issuance of \$500-citations for fraudulent use of a placard or plate (under MGL Ch. 90, §2) and to many \$100 parking violations. We will continue our efforts. We are writing to ask for your help in expanding this initiative.

In 2007 we informed you of an outstanding enforcement program in Waltham that continues today. The Waltham Disability Commission hires Waltham Police for special details to enforce handicap parking rules. The program is self-sufficient: money channeled back to the city from the violations and citations fully pays for the police details. Waltham currently has 14 details per week (2 a day) dedicated to disabled parking misuse/abuse. Because 100% of parking violation fines remain with the issuing city or town and 50% of Chapter 90 citation fines revert back to the issuing city or town, Waltham cleared enough revenue from this initiative in recent years to recently purchase: three specialized cameras at \$16,000 a piece for three fire trucks; 12 defibrillators at \$1,200 a piece for city buildings; and the Commission has just provided \$10,000 to the city for installation of curb-cuts. All this has been achieved while reinforcing the importance of preserving handicap parking for those who need it. Perhaps your city or town would be interested in a similar program and if so, we recommend you contact the Massachusetts Office on Disability at (617) 727- 7440 for assistance

Whether your staff takes on handicap parking abuse as a project or addresses it on a case-by-case basis, we ask you to notify the RMV when you write either handicap parking violations or citations for handicap parking abuse. Copies of parking tickets/ citations can be sent to: Medical Affairs Dept., P.O. Box 55889, Boston, MA 02205.

For accurate processing, parking tickets and citations issued for placard/ plate abuse should include the placard or plate number, as well as a brief but complete description of the violation. If the legitimate placard holder is not present, for example, "Placard Misuse, Placard holder not present" would be appropriate. In other common situations, the appropriate descriptions might be, "Placard Misuse, Photocopy of placard," or "Placard Misuse, Expiration date altered." Enclosed is a sample Chapter 90, §2 citation.

It has been brought to our attention that some police departments think the RMV's database does not list handicap placard information. Whether you gain access through CJIS, CJIS Web RMV or directly through ALARS, if you enter the "P" number from the handicap placard instead of a license number in the OLN field this will give you the demographics of the placard holder. Please also remember to pay attention to the expiration date on the placard in question. The Medical Affairs Department of the RMV is more than happy to assist in any questions police officers may have in identifying placard holders.

Handicap placards and handicap plates allow individuals with disabilities to work, shop, and enjoy recreational activities. It is appalling that people who have the mobility and means to use regular parking would exploit the handicap parking program. We count on your continued good service to help us combat this problem.

If you have any questions, please contact the RMV Medical Affairs staff at (857) 368-8020.

Sincerely,

Rachel Kaprielian
Registrar of Motor Vehicles

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Inspector General

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cc: Disability Commissions

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Offenses

Enter Chapter 90, Section 2

Description of Offense (example)

Enter a brief description of the offense and the placard number.

For example, Placard Misuse/Altered Expiration Date - P12345678

MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM CITATION									
DATE CITATION WRITTEN M M D D Y Y		AGENCY CODE		OFFICER I.D. NUMBER		COURT CODE		TYPE OF CITATION MOTOR VEH <input type="checkbox"/> OPER. <input type="checkbox"/> OWNER	
MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE NO. OF VIOLATOR M M D D Y Y		STATE		CLASS		CDL LICENSE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		RACE SEX	
VIOLATOR NAME (Last) M M D D Y Y		(First)		(Initial)		DATE OF BIRTH M M D D Y Y		NON-INVENTORY MV SEARCH <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	
ADDRESS		CITY/TOWN		STATE		ZIP			
PLATE TYPE		MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION NO		STATE		CDL VEHICLE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		HAZARDOUS MATERIAL <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DATE OF OFFENSE M M D D Y Y		LOCATION OF OFFENSE (include #, st hwy, city or town)		TIME OF OFFENSE <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM		ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
A CHAP/SEC/SUB 90 Section 2		<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM <input type="checkbox"/> CIVIL		DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE Placard Misuse/Altered Expiration Date - P12345678		ASSESSMENT \$		NOTICE TO VIOLATOR SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS NOTICE TO OFFICER ENTER ASSESSMENT \$ AND TOTAL DUE \$ ONLY IF YOU CHECK "ALL CIVIL INFRACTIONS" ENTER COURT ADDRESS BELOW ONLY IF YOU CHECK "CRIMINAL APPLICATION"	
B		<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM <input type="checkbox"/> CIVIL				\$			
C		<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM <input type="checkbox"/> CIVIL				\$			
D SPEEDING <input type="checkbox"/> 90/17 <input type="checkbox"/> 90/25		CIVIL		MPH IN A MPH ZONE		<input type="checkbox"/> POSTED <input type="checkbox"/> CLOCKED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT POSTED <input type="checkbox"/> RADAR <input type="checkbox"/> LIDAR <input type="checkbox"/> ESTIMATED			
SPEEDING ASSESSMENTS INCLUDE A \$50 HEAD INJURY SURCHARGE						TOTAL DUE \$			
OFFICER CHECK ONE ONLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALL CIVIL INFRACTIONS (See instruction A on back)		<input type="checkbox"/> CRIMINAL APPLICATION (See instruction B on back)		<input type="checkbox"/> ARREST		<input type="checkbox"/> WARNING (No action required by violator)		COURT ADDRESS	
OFFICER CERTIFIES <input type="checkbox"/> IN HAND TO VIOL. <input type="checkbox"/> MAILED TO VIOL. <input type="checkbox"/> IN HAND TO VIOLATOR'S AGENT									
X VIOLATOR/AGENT ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF CITATION				AGENT NAME					
X				AGENT'S LICENSE NUMBER & STATE					

sample citation for misuse of placard