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MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2025 COMMITTEE ON PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

Pursuant to the Rule 45 of City of Chicago Rules and Order, the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety submits the following monthly report for December 2025.

Date, Time, & Location of Meeting:

On Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety held a meeting at City Hall, Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 10:16 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Chairman La Spata (1st Ward)

Alderman Hopkins (2nd Ward)

Alderman Robinson (4th Ward)

Alderman Yancy (5th Ward)

Alderman Chico (10th Ward)

Alderman Quinn (13th Ward)

Alderman Moore (17th Ward) - virtual

Alderman Curtis (18th Ward) - virtual

Alderman Burnett (27th Ward)

Alderman Ervin (28th Ward)

Vice Chairman Cruz (30th Ward) - virtual

Alderman Knudsen (43rd Ward) - virtual

Alderman Lawson (44th Ward) - virtual

Alderman Martin (47th Ward)

Alderman Manaa-Hoppenworth (48th Ward)

<u>Public Comment:</u> There were seven spoken public comments for this meeting.

- Pasquale G.: Concerned about resident-based reporting and how it may put civilians at risk; looking forward to working together with workers and City Council to do a better job with enforcement
- Ashlee J.: Parking enforcement aide for over one year; has dealt with threats to more serious incidents when enforcing and doesn't think the average person should have to deal with that

- <u>Michael H.:</u> Representative of the IL Merchant Retails Association Not in opposition of resident-based reporting pilot but thinks more changes should be made, including a first-offense warning ticket for commercial vehicles, data collections and evaluation, exemption for active loading and unloading
- <u>Jessica J.:</u> Upset with alders not paying attention to public commenters
- <u>Carl G.:</u> Representative of Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce Glad that there will be more time to discuss resident-based reporting program; concerned about the practical use of this by the public
- <u>Dennis W.:</u> Stated there needs to be more enforcement of traffic laws if we want to create traffic safety; concerned about reckless driving with four-wheelers and two-wheelers
- Mr. Blackmore: Wants more public turnout to meetings; upset about the snow overnight parking ban and how those fines impact people

Approval of October 2025 Rule 45 Report:

Ald. Hopkins moved to approve, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

Agenda of Matters Considered:

The Agenda of Matters Considered consisted of 23 pages and included 435 matters:

370 ordinances related to disabled parking permits,

22 ordinances related to traffic warning signs and/or signals,

17 ordinances related to residential parking permit zones,

17 ordinances related to parking restrictions,

6 ordinance related to parking meters,

and 3 municipal code amendments.

Direct Introductions on pages 2-3 Passed without Department recommendations. Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth moved to approve all Direct Introduction ordinances, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

All matters on pages 4-13 Passed as Recommended by the appropriate Department(s). Ald. Yancy moved to approve all items on pages 4-13, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

All matters on pages 14-23 Passed with No Recommendation. These items were submitted as aldermanic overrides or received no recommendations from City Departments. Substitute Ordinances/Orders were submitted by the respective ward offices for Item 6 on page 21 [SO2025-0016201]; Item 2 on page 22 [SO2025-0017589]; Item 11 on page 22 [SOr2025-0021073]; Item 3 on page 23 [SOr2024-0010189]; and Item 4 on page 23 [SO2025-0019003]. Ald. Robinson moved to accept all Substitute Ordinances, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum. Ald. Quinn moved to approve all items on pages 14-23, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

Item 1 on page 1 [O2025-0019980] was an amendment of Municipal Code Section 9-64-050 to authorize erection of disabled permit parking signs in certain RS, RT, and RM zoning districts. There being no questions by committee members after a summary of the ordinance, Ald. Chico moved to approve the item, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

There was a subject matter hearing on Item 2 on page 1 [SO2024-0010993] regarding the establishment of a public enforcement pilot program for residents to submit recorded evidence of covered parking offenses.

Representatives from the Department of Finance, Department of Administrative Hearings, and Department of Transportation were present to answer questions. Questions and comments by alderman were on the topics of: whether 311 complaints could be routed directly to parking enforcement aides, the reasoning for the establishment of the program, the role of infrastructure in enforcement, and how complaints would become violations / fines. There being no further questions or comments, this item was held in committee.

Item 3 on page 1 [O2025-0021016] was held in committee.

All actions taken at the meeting were by viva voce vote.

Having no further business before the committee, Chair La Spata requested a motion to adjourn. Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth so moved, and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.