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City Clerk Anna M. Valencia Announces Permanent No Fee Veterans City Sticker Option

New Changes Make Veterans City Sticker Option Permanent

CHICAGO – Today, City Clerk Anna M. Valencia announced that the Office of the City Clerk's No Fee Veterans City Sticker will now be a permanent option. Residents who have a veteran's designation on their Illinois State ID or Driver's License can obtain a City Sticker at no cost.

"I'm thrilled that we are making the No Fee Veterans City Sticker option permanent," said Clerk Valencia. "Our goal at the Office of the City Clerk is to serve as the link between communities and government. We are here to create policies that are inclusive for all our residents – especially our nation's heroes. As leaders, we should always be looking for small and big ways to honor our veterans."

Veterans with ex-Prisoner of War, Purple-Heart Recipient, I-Served and Disabled Veteran license plates have historically qualified for a free city sticker. In 2018, the Office of the City Clerk expanded the program to include Veterans with a veteran designation on their Illinois State ID or Driver's License to also receive a No Fee Veteran City Sticker at no cost. The City Clerk's proposed ordinance now includes eligible Small Trucks and making this a permanent City Sticker option.

"This expansion represents one less barrier for those that deserve it the most, our veterans," remarked Chairman Burnett, who co-sponsored the ordinance and chairs the City Council's Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety. "Veterans can at times face financial difficulties and employment barriers. I applaud Clerk Valencia's work to help our nation's heroes access the services they need, all while honoring them."

Residents can purchase a No Fee Veterans City Sticker by visiting one of the three City Clerk office locations or at any Mobile City Hall. While the No Fee Veterans City Sticker is free of cost, adding zone parking to the City Sticker is an additional \$25 per year.

"I am proud to be a long-time supporter of this ordinance and to finally see the No Fee Veterans City Sticker option formally implemented," said 36th Ward Alderman Gilbert Villegas. "It's policies like these that provide some relief to our residents in these unprecedented times, especially for our brave men and women that have sacrificed so much for our city and country."

The legislation will take effect immediately.

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