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Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety  
City Council  
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## ORDINANCE

### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 9-108 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored, and by deleting the language struck through, as follows:

#### **CHAPTER 9-108 SMART STREETS PILOT PROGRAM**

##### **9-108-010 Definitions.**

For purposes of this chapter, the definitions in Section 9-4-010 and the following definitions shall apply:

"Automated parking enforcement system" means a device, mounted on public transit vehicles, City vehicles, City property, and other locations identified by the Chicago Department of Transportation which records, through photographic means, a vehicle and the vehicle registration plate of a vehicle used in the commission of a covered offense. An image recorded by an automated parking enforcement system shall display the time, date, and location of the covered offense.

"Covered offense" means a parking or standing violation ~~within the pilot area~~ of Section 9-12-060, 9-40-060, 9-64-020(b), 9-64-040, 9-64-080, 9-64-100, 9-64-110, 9-64-140, 9-64-150, 9-64-160(b), 9-64-180, or 9-64-190 of this Code.

~~"Pilot area" means the streets or parts of streets within the City's jurisdiction within the area bounded by a line, inclusive of both sides of the street, as follows: beginning at the easternmost point of West Irving Park Road extended to Lake Michigan; then west on West Irving Park Road to North Ashland Avenue; then south on Ashland Avenue to South Archer Avenue; then northeast on South Archer Avenue to South Senor Avenue; then southeast on South Senor Avenue and continuing through its change to easterly on West 27th Street to South Halsted Street; then north on South Halsted Street to West 26th Street; then east on Roosevelt Road to its easternmost point extended to Lake Michigan; then north along the shoreline of Lake Michigan to the beginning point.~~

##### **9-108-020 Purpose – Establishment of automated parking enforcement pilot program.**

(a) The purpose of this chapter is to provide for a pilot program that utilizes automated parking enforcement systems to record covered offenses and enforce parking regulations ~~within the pilot area~~. The program shall be administered by the Department of Transportation and Department of Finance. The program shall be enforced through a system of administrative adjudication within the Department of Administrative Hearings.

(b) The Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer, the Comptroller, and the Commissioner are each authorized, severally or jointly, to negotiate, execute, and deliver any and all agreements, contracts, cost reimbursement or revenue-sharing partnerships, or instruments (for purposes of this subsection, collectively referred to as "contractual arrangements") as the executing officer shall deem necessary, advisable, or appropriate in connection with the implementation of the pilot program established under this chapter, and to take all additional actions as necessary or appropriate to carry out the pilot program. Should the Smart Streets Pilot Program be extended or made permanent, each authorized officer specified in this subsection may, severally or jointly, extend any such contractual arrangement, as the executing

officer shall deem necessary, advisable, or appropriate, until such time as a new contractual arrangement is duly entered into.

(c) The Commissioner and the Traffic Compliance Administrator, in consultation with the Office of Emergency Management and Communications and the Department of Police, shall adopt rules as may be necessary for the proper administration and enforcement of this chapter.

(d) Prior to the installation of an automated parking enforcement system, the Commissioner shall notify the ~~alderman~~person of the ward in which the automated parking enforcement system is to be installed and solicit a recommendation for the location of such installation based on the ~~alderman~~person's analysis of any relevant factors.

### **9-108-030 Parking and standing violations.**

(a) The registered owner of record of a vehicle shall be liable for a covered offense and the applicable fine set forth in Section 9-100-020 when an image of the covered offense is recorded by an automated parking enforcement system, ~~within the pilot area.~~

(b) For a parking or standing violation of Section 9-12-060 enforced pursuant to this section:

(1) ~~except as otherwise provided in subsection (b)(2) of this section, when a bus lane within the pilot area is designated and indicated by appropriate signs or markings, it shall be unlawful for any vehicle, other than an authorized bus or a vehicle servicing a bus, to enter or use such lane at any time, except when making a right hand turn or accessing a driveway or other allowable curbside parking or loading location; and~~

(2) for a bus lane on the portion of Chicago Avenue, from Michigan Avenue to May Street, it shall be unlawful for any vehicle, other than an authorized bus or a vehicle servicing a bus, to enter or use such lane Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., except when making a right hand turn or accessing a driveway or other allowable curbside parking or loading location.

(c) A recorded image of a covered offense obtained by an automated parking enforcement system that has been reviewed in accordance with Section 9-108-060 shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of the applicable section of this Code. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the liability of an operator of a vehicle for any covered offense.

### **9-108-040 Notice of violation.**

(a) For each covered offense enforced pursuant to Section 9-108-030, the Department of Finance shall mail a notice in accordance with Section 9-100-030, subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.

(b) (1) No citation for a covered offense enforced pursuant to Section 9-108-030 shall be issued until after the expiration of 30 days after the installation of a new automated parking enforcement system. For any covered offense occurring during such 30-day period, the Department of Finance shall, within 30 days after receiving information about the registered owner of the vehicle from the Secretary of State, mail a warning notice to the registered owner of the vehicle used in the commission of the covered offense; provided that if the vehicle is leased and the lessor has provided the name and address of the lessee pursuant to Section 9-100-140(a), the Department of Finance shall mail a warning notice to the lessee of the vehicle within 30

days after the lessor notifies the Traffic Compliance Administrator of the name and address of the lessee. The warning shall advise such owner or lessee that the vehicle was used in the commission of a covered offense and any further violations may result in the issuance of a citation.

(2) In addition to the warning notice provided in subsection (b)(1), for the first covered offense, the Department of Finance shall, within 30 days after receiving information about the registered owner of the vehicle from the Secretary of State, mail a warning notice to the registered owner of the vehicle used in the commission of the covered offense; provided that if the vehicle is leased and the lessor has provided the name and address of the lessee pursuant to Section 9-100-140(a), the Department of Finance shall mail a warning to the lessee of the vehicle within 30 days after the lessor notifies the Traffic Compliance Administrator of the name and address of lessee. The warning notice shall advise such owner or lessee that the vehicle was used in the commission of a covered offense and any further violations of any covered offense will result in the issuance of a citation. After the first warning notice issued to the owner or lessee pursuant to this subsection (b)(2), the Department of Finance shall issue a notice of violation in compliance with subsection (a).

#### **9-108-050 Administrative adjudication.**

(a) A person charged pursuant to Section 9-108-030 with a covered offense may contest the charge through an administrative adjudication pursuant to Chapter 9-100 of this Code, subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section. The administrative adjudication procedures, determination of liability, and notice of final determination for a covered offense enforced pursuant to Section 9-108-030 shall be as set forth in Chapter 9-100 for parking and standing violations.

(b) In addition to those grounds set forth in Section 9-100-060(a), one or more of the following grounds shall be a defense to a covered offense enforced pursuant to Section 9-108-030:

(1) the owner of the vehicle was issued a uniform traffic citation or a parking citation, as applicable, for the covered offense; or

(2) the vehicle was an authorized emergency vehicle; ~~or~~

~~(3) the covered offense occurred outside the pilot area.~~

#### **9-108-060 Standards of operation.**

A technician shall, based on inspection of recorded images, make a determination that the vehicle was parked or standing in the commission of a covered offense. If the technician determines that the vehicle was not parked or standing in the commission of a covered offense, a citation shall not be issued. All determinations by a technician that a vehicle was parked or standing in the commission of a covered offense shall be subject to review and approval by an employee, officer, or contractor designated by the Traffic Compliance Administrator.

#### **9-108-070 Report to City Council.**

~~By the final day of each calendar quarter of each year, 120 days prior to the expiration of the Smart Streets Pilot Program,~~ the Chicago Department of Transportation and the Department of Finance shall jointly submit a written report to the City Council Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety regarding the performance of the Smart Streets Pilot Program. The report shall include, but shall not be limited to, ~~information to assess the impacts of the pilot program and the future potential of automated parking~~

~~enforcement systems over the prior 3 months~~ on the following components: traffic safety, especially impacts affecting the most vulnerable road users; vehicle idling and emissions; traffic flow, bus service operations, cycling mobility, and pedestrian mobility; compliance with the City's laws; ticketing, especially impacts as they affect different population groups and geographic areas; a comparison of the number of citations issued, the underlying covered offense types, and collection rate between: (i) type of vehicle; and (ii) commercial vehicles and private vehicles; and other relevant outcomes. The report shall also make recommendations to the City Council regarding the establishment of a permanent program that utilizes automated parking enforcement systems.

**9-108-080 Expiration:**

~~This chapter shall be repealed, and the Smart Streets Pilot Program shall expire and be terminated, without further action by the City Council, on December 21, 2026.~~

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance takes effect upon passage and publication.

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