

ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. Section 4-232-130 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored, and by deleting the language struck through, as follows:

4-232-130 Public and accessory garage defined. Definitions.

"Commercial garage", as used in this chapter, means a public garage or an accessory garage.

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

SECTION 2. Section 4-232-180 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored, and by deleting the language struck through, as follows:

4-232-180 Public garage – Not enclosed – Requirements.

In all public garage – not enclosed garages, the location of service buildings on the premises shall meet the requirements of this Code. Whenever the capacity of such a garage has been reached, the owner or operator thereof shall immediately post a notice in a conspicuous place on the entry side of the garage where it will be clearly visible to drivers of motor vehicles in the abutting street, indicating that no more space is available in the garage. ~~Such owner or operator shall also post and maintain permanently a sign, similarly visible, indicating the charges for parking therein.~~

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

SECTION 3. Chapter 4-232 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting Section 4-232-200 in its entirety, and replaced with a new Section 4-232-200, as follows:

4-232-200 Commercial garages – signage and disclosure requirements.

(a) *Required signage and disclosures.* In addition to any other signage required under this Code or other applicable law, the owner and operator of any commercial garage shall post permanent signage, in accordance with this section: (1) clearly describing all charges and fees for parking a vehicle at such commercial garage, whether paid in advance or upon exit, including, but not limited to, (A) any applicable fractional, hourly, daily, or overnight rates; and (B) all fees or charges, however styled, for exceeding any pre-paid fractional, hourly, daily, or overnight time period; and (2) whether any method of automated enforcement, including but not limited to video recordings, will be used to enforce any pre-paid fractional, hourly, daily, or overnight time period.

(b) *Location of signage and disclosures.* Signage required under this section shall be posted in a conspicuous matter: (1) at each vehicular entrance to the commercial garage where it will be clearly visible to drivers of motor vehicles in the abutting street; (2) at each pedestrian exit; and (3) adjacent to any kiosk, point-of-sale, ticketing machine, attendant station, or any other place where a customer purchases a ticket or otherwise pays to park in the commercial garage.

Additionally, the disclosures required under this section shall be prominently and conspicuously displayed on any application, as defined in Section 4-4-120, where a person may pay for parking in the commercial garage, including any application operated or maintained by a third-party facilitator, as defined in Section 4-4-120.

(c) *Prohibited acts.*

(1) *Fees and charges.* No owner or operator may demand or enforce any fee or charge unless properly disclosed and posted in accordance with this section. No fee or charge may be disclosed, listed, or labeled as a "fine" or otherwise styled in such a manner that could reasonably cause a person to believe such fee or charge is a fine or penalty imposed by the City or any other unit of government. No fee or charge, however styled, for exceeding any pre-paid fractional, hourly, daily, or overnight time period may exceed the applicable rate for such time period required to be disclosed and posted under this section, unless the applicable vehicle exceeds the next subsequent fractional, hourly, daily, or overnight time period, as applicable, after which the owner or operator may impose any fee properly disclosed and posted in accordance with this section.

(2) *Automated enforcement.* No owner or operator may use automated enforcement, including video recordings, to enforce any fee or charge unless such automated enforcement is properly disclosed and posted in accordance with this section.

(d) *Penalties.* In addition to any other applicable penalty, including under Section 4-232-310 and Section 4-232-320, if the Commissioner determines that a person has violated this section, the Commissioner may order such person to refund or reimburse any applicable fees or charge, or otherwise pay restitution to persons aggrieved by such violation.

SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect on January 1, 2026.

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