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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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COMMITTEE ON THE DISABLED AND HANDICAPPED

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Room 400, City Hall

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Monday, November 26, 2007, 11:40 a.m.

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Bill 070909 - An ordinance amending Chapter
12-300 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled

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"Special Restrictions Upon Use of Vehicles
Around Wheelchair Lift-Equipped Vehicles," by
10 adding a new subsection requiring that the
vehicles equipped with wheelchair lifts
11 prominently display a notice on the rear and
on the sides of said vehicle of such
12 wheelchair lift, under certain terms and
conditions.

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COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

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Carol Ann Campbell, Chair
Darrell Clarke

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William Greenlee

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Jack Kelly

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Donna Reed-Miller

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5 (There were no witnesses for this hearing.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN REED-MILLER: The
3 Committee on Transportation and Public
4 Utilities is now --

5 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: It's
6 Handicapped.

7 COUNCILWOMAN REED-MILLER: I'm
8 sorry. There are just so many
9 committees.

10 (Laughter.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN REED-MILLER: I'm
12 sorry. The Committee on the Disabled
13 and Handicapped is now in session.

14 Let the record reflect that in
15 attendance are: Councilman Jack Kelly;
16 Councilwoman Carol Campbell, who is the
17 chair of this committee; myself,
18 Councilwoman Donna Reed-Miller; and to
19 my right, Councilman Juan Ramos.

20 Will the clerk please read the
21 title of this bill.

22 THE CLERK: This is Bill No.
23 070909, an ordinance amending Chapter
24 12-300 of the Philadelphia Code,
25 entitled "Special Restrictions Upon Use

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2 of Vehicles Around Wheelchair
3 Lift-Equipped Vehicles," by adding a new
4 subsection requiring that the vehicles
5 equipped with wheelchair lifts
6 prominently display a notice on the rear
7 and on the sides of said vehicle of such
8 wheelchair lift, under certain terms and
9 conditions.

10 COUNCILWOMAN REED-MILLER:

11 Thank you.

12 Is there anyone who will be
13 testifying on this bill? And if so,
14 will you please come forward to the
15 witness table and identify yourself for
16 the record.

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN REED-MILLER: We
19 don't have any witnesses for the bill.

20 Okay.

21 Would any Councilmember like
22 to make any statement?

23 Councilman Ramos?

24 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,
25 Madam Chair.

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2 I want to publicly, and not
3 just for the sake of the record, but
4 from my very personal experience of
5 having handicapped family members who
6 we all and I love very dearly, and I
7 want to commend Councilwoman Carol
8 Campbell for taking on this issue, as
9 she has experienced the trials and
10 tribulations of people that go through
11 this in their lives, and I think this
12 is a very noble cause that she has
13 undertaken on behalf of all of people
14 in Philadelphia who have loved ones who
15 are impaired and have difficulties with
16 their walkers and so forth.

17 So I want to commend the
18 Councilwoman for her efforts in
19 bringing all of these bills, which, now
20 I think there are scores of them that
21 she has introduced, and many of them
22 have been made into law, and I'll be
23 voting in support of this very
24 important measure.

25 Thank you for your

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2 consideration.

3 COUNCILWOMAN REED-MILLER:

4 Thank you, Councilman Ramos.

5 And I'd also just like to say,
6 too, having personally experienced a
7 daughter who had bone cancer and a leg
8 amputated above the knee, I am
9 certainly well aware of the needs and
10 the issues that face people that are
11 disabled.

12 So I'd also like to thank
13 Councilwoman Campbell for bringing this
14 matter to City Council, and certainly
15 these bills will certainly help
16 citizens that are disabled and their
17 family members, because when one person
18 is disabled, everybody's disabled.
19 It's all a family thing; it's not just
20 an individual.

21 And so I'd also like to thank
22 you.

23 COUNCILWOMAN CAMPBELL: Thank
24 you.

25 COUNCILWOMAN REED-MILLER:

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2 Okay. Seeing that there are no other
3 witnesses wishing to testify on this
4 bill, this concludes the public hearing
5 on the Committee on the Disabled and
6 Handicapped, and we will now go into the
7 public meeting.

8 I know that there is an
9 amendment and a copy of the amendment
10 has been distributed to all
11 Councilmembers. Would Councilman Jack
12 Kelly please make a motion to amend
13 Bill No. 070909.

14 COUNCILMAN KELLY: I would like
15 to make a motion to amend Bill No.
16 070909. The amendment would state on
17 Chapter 12-301, in the second paragraph,
18 it would be "the owner of a wheelchair
19 lift-equipped vehicle shall prominently
20 display on the rear and sides of said
21 vehicle notice that is clear and
22 conspicuous that said vehicle is
23 equipped with and uses a wheelchair lift
24 device.

25 (Motion seconded.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN REED-MILLER:

3 Okay. All in favor?

4 Those opposed?

5 Okay, the ayes have it. Bill

6 No. 070909 has been amended.

7 Okay. We're in the public

8 meeting, and it's been properly moved

9 and seconded that Bill No. 070909, as

10 amended, be reported out of this

11 committee with a favorable

12 recommendation and that the rules of

13 Council be suspended so as to permit

14 first reading at our next session.

15 All those in favor will

16 signify by saying aye?

17 Opposed?

18 Councilman Ramos?

19 COUNCILMAN RAMOS: Thank you,

20 Madam Chair. I move that Bill No.

21 070909, as amended, be reported out of

22 committee with a favorable

23 recommendation and a further move that

24 the rules of Council be suspended so as

25 to permit first reading of this bill at

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2 our next Council meeting.

3 COUNCILWOMAN REED-MILLER: All

4 those in favor?

5 Opposed?

6 Okay, the ayes have it.

7 Bill No. 070909, as amended,

8 has been reported out of this committee

9 with a favorable recommendation and

10 that the rules of Council be suspended,

11 so this bill has been properly -- it's

12 been properly moved and seconded; and

13 furthermore, the rules of Council have

14 been suspended as to permit first

15 reading at our next session.

16 Sorry for repeating this but

17 I'm just a little bit disoriented right

18 now.

19 This concludes this hearing.

20 Thank you.

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22 (Proceedings end at 11:50 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
proceedings of the City of Philadelphia
Council Committee on the Disabled and
Handicapped are contained fully and
accurately in the stenographic notes taken by
me on Monday, November 26, 2007, and that
this is a true and correct statement of same.

JOSEPHINE CARDILLO
Registered Professional Reporter

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