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CITY TO EXPAND DISABLED PARKING PROGRAM TO NON-CITY RESIDENTS

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New York, June 23, 2010 –The New York City Law Department announced today that the City has expanded its disabled parking program to allow non-City residents who do not work or go to school full-time within New York City to apply on the same basis as residents.

The new policy stems from the settlement of a lawsuit. The plaintiff, a disabled New Jersey resident, had sought expanded parking access and alleged that excluding certain non-residents from the New York City Special Vehicle Identification Parking Permit for People with Disabilities program violated the Americans with Disabilities Act.

For decades – and even before passage of the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act – New York City has issued special parking permits to persons with severe mobility limitations who resided in New York City, or attended school and/or worked here full-time. These permit holders could then park in certain on-street parking spaces not available to the general public.

Today, the City is formally announcing the expansion of the program to include all qualified disabled individuals.

"This development will further open New York City to disabled individuals who wish to visit," said Corporation Counsel Michael A. Cardozo.

For more information on how both residents and non-residents alike can apply for the Special Vehicle Identification Parking Permit, visit www.nyc.gov/dot/permits and follow the link to "Application Instructions for a New York City Parking Permit for People with Disabilities (PPPD)."

Sherrill Kurland, Senior Counsel in the Law Department's Administrative Law Division, oversaw the case.

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