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Re: Handicapped Parking Spaces

Dear Mayor:

Please be advised, Chapter 161, Public Laws of 2003, which increases the fine for parking in a restricted parking space reserved for handicapped individuals, becomes effective tomorrow, October 1.

Under the law, any person parking a vehicle in a space reserved for handicapped individuals shall be liable to a fine of \$250 for the first offense and a fine of \$250 plus a maximum of 90 days community service for all subsequent offenses. If a summons is written through local ordinance, the municipality retains all of the money. This will help to off-set court costs and the time local police officers spend to issue tickets to abled-bodied violators for parking in these specially designated spaces.

It is the responsibility of municipalities to ensure these increased fine amounts are noted on the signs for public view.

For further information, contact Helen Yeldell at (609)695-3481 ext. 12.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William G. Dressel, Jr.", is written over a thin horizontal line.

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