

CITY OF PASSAIC  
ORDINANCE NO. 2447-24

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 259, "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS," OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS FOR KEEPING SIDEWALKS ADJACENT TO HANDICAPPED PARKING AREAS CLEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Passaic has requested the enactment of an ordinance to ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities by maintaining clear and unobstructed sidewalks adjacent to designated handicapped parking areas; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the Mayor's directive, this ordinance has been drafted to amend Chapter 259, "Streets and Sidewalks," of the City of Passaic Municipal Code to include requirements for keeping sidewalks adjacent to handicapped parking areas clear; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council deems it in the best interest of the public to adopt this ordinance to promote accessibility and safety for all residents and visitors of the City of Passaic.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED** that the City Council of the City of Passaic hereby accepts the ordinance amendment below and as attached for Chapter 259, "Streets and Sidewalks," new Article V titled "Handicapped Accessible Sidewalks"

**SECTION 1**

Chapter 259, "Streets and Sidewalks," of the City of Passaic Municipal Code is hereby amended to include a new Article V, "Handicapped Accessible Sidewalks," to read as follows:

**Article V**

Handicapped Accessible Sidewalks

**§ 259-27. Clear Sidewalks Adjacent to Handicapped Parking Spaces**

1. **Requirement:** All sidewalks adjacent to designated handicapped parking areas must remain clear and unobstructed at all times to ensure accessibility of ingress and egress for individuals with disabilities from vehicles.
2. **Signage:** The language "Keep Sidewalk Clear" or similar shall be incorporated on all existing and future handicapped parking signs to enforce this requirement.
3. **Violations:** The general penalty provisions of the Code of the City of Passaic shall govern violations of this chapter.

**SECTION II**

If any section or provision of this ordinance shall be invalid in any court the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this ordinance except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

**SECTION III**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances to inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION IV**

This ordinance shall take effect upon publication as provided by law.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILPERSON: Terrance Love

SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON: Chaim M. Munk

Record of Council Vote on Final Passage	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
COLON-MONTANEZ, M.	x			
GARCIA, J.	x			
MELO, T.	x			
LOVE, T.	x			
MUNK, C.	x			
SCHAER, G.	x			
SCHWARTZ, D				x

Adoption of first reading at a meeting of the Council of the City of Passaic, NJ on April 18, 2024

Adopted on the second and final reading after the hearing on May 7, 2024.

APPROVED: Hector C. Lora 5/9/2024  
 Hector C. Lora, Mayor Date

Gary S. Schaer  
 Gary S. Schaer, Council President

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 Weatherly Frias, City Clerk