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

SECTION 1. Section 9-76-160 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored and by deleting the language struck through, as follows:

9-76-160 Registration plates.

(a) Every vehicle in the City subject to the registration plates requirements of the Illinois Vehicle Code shall bear registration plates in the manner required by that Code. It is illegal to park a vehicle on any roadway if the registration plate or other registration material fails to comply with this subsection. Any person who violates this subsection shall be fined the amount set forth in Section 9-100-020 for each offense. Specific requirements for covered vehicles are set forth below:

(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance.)

(5) It is unlawful for any person

(A) to operate any motor vehicle that is equipped with registration plate or digital registration plate covers, as defined by Section 3-400 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, 625 ILCS 5/3-400, or any other cover, coating, wrapping, material, streaking, distorting, holographic, reflective, or other device that obstructs the visibility or electronic image recording of the registration plate or digital registration plate.

(B) to physically alter any registration plate or digital registration plate with any chemical or reflective substance or coating that obstructs the visibility or electronic image recording of such registration plate or digital registration plate.

(C) in an effort to hinder a peace officer from obtaining the registration or plate number for the enforcement of a violation of the Illinois Vehicle Code or this Code, to fail to display a registration plate or to modify the original manufacturer's mounting location of the rear registration plate or digital registration plate on any vehicle so as to conceal the registration or plate or to knowingly cause such plate to be obstructed. Modifications prohibited by this subsection include, but are not limited to, the use of an electronic device.

(D) to leave any vehicle on the public way

(i) without a registration plate, digital registration plate, or temporary permit, or

(ii) with a registration plate, digital registration plate, or temporary permit that is not registered to that vehicle.

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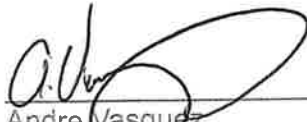
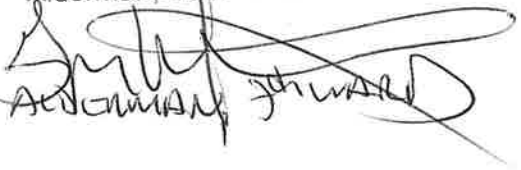
(d) The owner of record of any vehicle in violation of subsections (a)(5) ~~-(7)~~ of this section shall be subject to an administrative penalty of \$500 plus any towing and storage fees applicable under Section 9-92-080. Any such motor vehicle shall be subject to seizure and impoundment pursuant to this section.

Whenever a police officer has probable cause to believe that a vehicle is subject to seizure and impoundment pursuant to this section, the police officer shall provide for the towing of the vehicle to a facility controlled by the City or its agents. City departments will alert police department within two days to begin the process. Before or at the time the vehicle is towed, the police officer shall notify any person identifying themselves as the owner of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation or the person who is found to be in control of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation, if there is such person, of the fact of the seizure and of the vehicle owner's right to request a vehicle impoundment hearing to be conducted under Section 2-14-132 of this Code by serving such person with a copy of the vehicle impoundment seizure report.

Section 2-14-132 shall apply whenever a non-highway vehicle is seized and impounded pursuant to this section.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect 10 days after passage and publication.

City of Chicago (29)


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