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### New city parking stickers to prevent theft and save money

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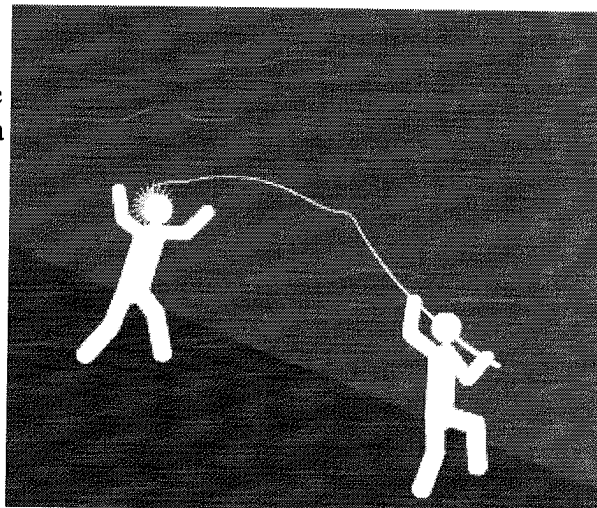
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#### CHICAGO

People who live in one of Chicago's more than 1,200 residential parking districts will have a little more room on their windshields this year. Zone numbers will now be printed on city vehicle stickers, eliminating the need for a second sticker.

"We are going to have a much more efficient operation," City Clerk Miguel Del Valle said.

This year's city stickers will include new safety features to prevent counterfeiting and theft. Each sticker will now include the car's license plate number, so they will be tough to reproduce. Counterfeit stickers have been sold on the black market for as little as \$25, compared with the city fee of \$75 for passenger vehicles and \$120 for SUVs.



The sticker design includes reflective "sparkles" to discourage theft. The sparkles come off if the sticker is removed, and they also make the sticker difficult to copy or scan.

This is one of a series of improvements in the city's vehicle stickers this year. The combined vehicle/parking sticker, along with printing stickers on "self-mailers" to eliminate the need for envelopes, will save the city over \$130,000 a year in mailing and paper costs.

You can buy the vehicle stickers online, by responding to a mailed renewal notice, or in person at City Hall or a satellite office (see [www.chicityclerk.com](http://www.chicityclerk.com) for details).

Current city stickers expire June 30 and stickers bought after July 15 include a \$40 late fee. Sticker sales raise \$100 million a year to maintain city streets.

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