

ON-STREET DISABLED PARKING POLICY

A. On-Street Disabled Parking Policy

1. This is hereby established a policy for applicants to request an on-street disabled parking space in all areas of the city for qualified persons subject to certain terms and conditions.

B. Eligibility Criteria

1. Must be requested by a person with a Disabled License Plate, Disabled Veterans Plate, or a Disabled Parking Placard from the Registry of Motor Vehicles. This establishes that the applicant has a long-term disability.
2. Applicant must establish that they are a year-round resident in the immediate vicinity of the requested parking space.
3. Accessible off-street parking is currently not available to the applicant, or the necessary accommodations cannot be made.
4. The placement of the on-street disabled parking space will not conflict with existing City Ordinance, State Code or rules, or Federal regulations.
5. The addition of the requested on-street disabled parking space will not interfere with the flow of traffic.
6. The Traffic Committee and City Council may also consider unique or unusual circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

C. Ineligible Criteria

1. A short-term disability that will last less than one year.
2. Applicant already has a driveway, garage, or other off-street parking availability.
3. There are "No Parking" or "No Stopping" signs posted on the street of the requested address.

D. Application The application shall be on a form provided by the city and shall include the following information and items:

1. Name of applicant
2. Address of applicant
3. Proof of handicap permit
4. Proof of residency (it is required that the requested parking space is in close vicinity to the residence), such as a utility bill, driver's license, rental agreement, or property tax bill.
5. Requested location of parking space (Note: the space must comply with the criteria set forth in this policy and the final decision of placement is dependent upon city approval)
6. A narrative in which the applicant explains how accessible parking cannot currently be accommodated on or off-street

E. Approval Process

1. The Muscatine Traffic Committee shall review the request, and forward a recommendation of approval or denial and a rationale for the recommendation to the City Council.
2. Once a recommendation from the Muscatine Traffic Committee has been submitted to City Council, the City Council shall act upon the request at its next meeting.

F. Installation of signs

1. An installation fee as established in the fee schedule (should be an amount that covers the installation and removal of a sign). The fee will be collected with the application and will be reimbursed if the application is denied.
2. Signs designating the on-street parking space shall be installed by the City in a timely manner after the payment of the installation fee.

G. Duration of the Designation of an On-Street Spot

1. Shall remain in place until November 1, of the subsequent year, unless reauthorized as provided for in Section H.

H. Reauthorization of Previously Designated On-Street Parking Spots

1. Prior to September 1, the city shall mail an application form to the applicant of each approved designated on-street parking spot. Reauthorization with updated information is required annually.
2. Said reauthorization applications will collect the information necessary to determine that the person holding a valid permit still lives in the general vicinity and is still eligible for the designation of an on-street accessible parking space.
3. Reauthorization application forms shall be completed and returned to the City of Muscatine by October 1.
4. The Traffic Committee shall review all reauthorization applications. Based on the criteria established in Section B, the Traffic Committee shall determine whether reauthorizing the previously on-street parking space is warranted.
5. If no reauthorization renewal application is received prior to October 1, then the designated accessible on-street parking space will expire on November 1 of that year, and the City shall remove the signage. Reauthorization is required on an annual basis for all applicants.
6. Designated on-street accessible parking spots that were initially approved by City Council in the current calendar year do not need to apply for reauthorization until October 1 of the subsequent calendar year.

I. On-street disabled parking stalls are subject to removal by the City for any of the following reasons:

1. The applicant has moved or is deceased.
2. The State of Iowa issued permit or license plate has expired or been revoked.
3. Accessible off-street parking has become available.
4. Ordinance changes result in other parking restrictions, which would prohibit the retention of the stall.
5. The City of Muscatine determines the stall is being misused by the approved person.
6. Redesigning of the street resulting in no longer being able to accommodate the requested on-street parking space.
7. The City has not approved of the parking space and/or the applicant has not applied for reauthorization of the parking space as required on an annual basis.
8. The City determines it is in the best interest to remove the on-street disabled parking space for the health and safety of its citizens.

J. Who May Use

1. An on-street disabled parking stall can be used at any time by anyone whose vehicle displays the appropriate State-issued permit or license plate. Placement of a parking stall in a location does not guarantee permanent or lifetime use of that parking stall for

the approved applicant. Placement of a disabled parking stall at a location does not imply reserved parking for the person who requested the stall, or for any other individual.

K. Appeals Process

1. Should the city deny an applicant for a requested on-street disabled parking space, the city approves the space with specific modifications, or if the city notifies an applicant of its intent to revoke, suspend, or remove an on-street disabled parking space, the applicant has the right to appeal the decision as follows:
 - i. Notify the City of Muscatine, in writing, within 30 days of receipt of the denial or notice of intent to remove on-street handicapped parking. The written notice must state the reason for requesting an appeal, provide justification supporting the request for appeal, and include documentation such as a statement from the applicant's physician supporting the appeal.
 - ii. The City's Traffic Committee will review the appeal and render a decision within 30 days.
 - iii. The city will notify the applicant, in writing, of the final decision with supplemental information identifying a reason for the final decision.

L. Allowable Location for On-Street Disabled Parking Spots

1. For Block Faces with Curb and Gutters
 - i. At the end of a block face at which there is an ADA ramp, if there is no such ADA ramp on the block face, the City shall install one, at no expense to the applicant, in a timely manner.
 - ii. A parking space, for which prior to the application it was not legal to park within at least 10 feet of either end of the parking space, and for which access to the sidewalk from the on-street parking space meets all applicable accessibility standards. If said location is not at the end of a block face, it is the responsibility of the applicant and not the City of Muscatine, to pay for such a ramp or other required improvements necessary to make the proposed parking space accessible.
2. For Block Faces without Curb and Gutters
 - i. On-street disabled parking spaces shall be located where the street has the least crown and grade and close to key destinations.

M. Technical standards

1. On-street disabled parking spaces must be identified by signs displaying the International Symbol of Accessibility in a manner that is compliant with all applicable Federal Regulations.
2. The sidewalk adjacent to on-street disabled parking spaces should be free of signs, street furniture, and other obstructions to permit deployment of a van side-lift or ramp or the vehicle occupant to transfer to a wheelchair or scooter. Accessible parallel parking spaces located at the end of the block face are usable by vans that have rear lifts and cars that have scooter platforms.
3. The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board of the United States Access Board is proposing accessibility guidelines. These guidelines are the Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG), for the design, construction, and alteration

of pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way, implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Architectural Barriers Act. Once PROWAG is finalized and adopted by the United States Access Board, compliance with the accessibility standards contained within them will be mandatory. Once PROWAG is adopted, the City of Muscatine shall fully comply with the standards for on-street disabled parking spaces that it sets forth. In the interim, the City of Muscatine will use the most recent draft version of PROWAG as guideline for technical standards for on-street disabled parking spaces.

N. Authorization

1. The city is the final authorizer of the placement and layout of each on-street disabled parking space. Final authorization is based on the eligibility of the applicant, the location and specs of the parking space, and to be in compliance with City Ordinance, State Code or rules, Federal regulation, and the technical standards identified in the PROWAG. The city has the ability to approve alternate designs if identified as the most feasible option for the health, safety, and welfare of those affected and their surrounding areas.

APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION OF ON-STREET DISABLED PARKING

CITY OF MUSCATINE

Information must be printed clearly, all questions must be answered completely, and supporting documentation must be included - incomplete applications will be returned, resulting in a delay of processing the application.

Today's Date: _____ Application Type: NEW ☐ RENEWAL OF EXISTING SPACE ☐

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (Applicant refers to the person with a disability who is in need of parking)

RESIDENT'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ APT. #: _____

(Proof of residency is required – such as a utility bill, driver's license, rental agreement, or property tax bill)

PHONE NUMBER: _____

IA-DMV Disabled Placard Number: _____ Expiration: _____

2. PROPERTY INFORMATION

Do you reside at this address year-round, without extended periods away? Yes ☐ No ☐

Specify the location of placement of the space which is being requested and how it is currently unable to be accommodated (if not enough space, please attach a separate paper with further explanation).

3. AUTHORIZATION BY APPLICANT

I certify that the above information is true and accurate. I fully understand that the installation of Accessible Parking signs at my residence does not reserve a parking space for my personal use. It makes a space available for use by any vehicle with a valid Disabled plate or placard. I understand that abuse or violation of this agreement may result in removal of the Accessible Parking space.

Applicant Signature

Date

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City of Muscatine

September 13, 2018

Structure

- Eligible/Ineligible Criteria
- Application
- Approval Process
- Installation of Signs
- Reauthorization
- Reasons for Removal
- Appeals Process
- Location and Technical Standards

Updates

- Application process
- Reauthorization required on an annual basis
- No longer required to be a homeowner
- Technical Standards
 - Federal ADA Regulations
 - Interim using the draft Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)
 - Will use finalized guidelines once adopted

Authorization

- Installation of an on-street disabled parking sign and space may be used by any vehicle with the appropriate State-issued permit or license plate
- Final authorization is based on:
 - Eligibility of the applicant/renewal
 - Location and specs of the parking space
 - Compliance with City Ordinance/Policy, State Code or rules, and Federal regulation
 - The city has the ability to approve alternate designs and consider unique circumstances on a case-by-case basis