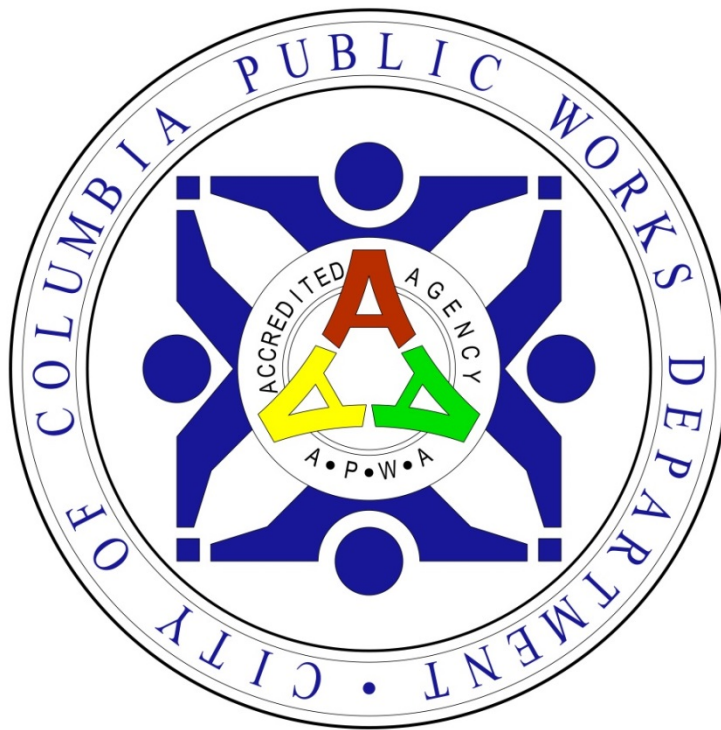


Parking Marked as Reserved for Disabled Parking Only on Residential Streets

How to request a residential disabled parking space



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Introduction

Any individual who meets the eligibility criteria below may apply to the City for a marked as reserved for disabled parking space on the street near their residence. The purpose of this program is to enhance the quality of life in the community by assisting people with disabilities in providing more housing options and more independence to travel outside of their residence.

Because on-street parking is a public resource, the management of the use of that space is important to ensure that parking spaces for people with disabilities are installed in a manner to provide access for those individuals with mobility impairments while balancing the demand for all uses in the public right of way in neighborhoods.

If you have any questions about this program or would like to request assistance in this application process, please feel free to contact City of Columbia, Public Works Department at (573) 874-7250 or email pubw@gocolumbiamo.com.

Eligibility Criteria

Each applicant must:

1. Have a disability which limits or impairs the ability to walk, as defined in City Code § 14-441.
2. Have a vehicle registered to applicant that may lawfully park in disabled parking spaces. Except if the applicant does NOT drive but relies on another full-time resident of the same address for transportation and that person has a registered vehicle which may lawfully park in disabled parking spaces.
3. Not have off-street parking (like a garage, driveway or carport) available at the identified residence or provide an explanation as to why the existing off-street parking is impractical and have that verified by a physician, licensed health care professional, or rehabilitation professional.

The following must be provided with the completed application:

- A copy of current vehicle registration. This is the pink slip from the Department of Revenue for renewal or new license plates.
- A current disabled parking placard receipt OR current disabled license plate registration OR current Disabled Veteran's license plate registration OR letter confirming any of these, all from the Missouri Department of Revenue.

All applicants shall satisfy the eligibility criteria before being considered for this program.

Evaluating Applications

The City of Columbia, Public Works Department, reserves the right to determine whether to deny or approve any application after considering all the circumstances surrounding the affected area. The factors upon which Public Works will base their determination include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: right of way requirements for the street and the practicality of installing a disabled parking spot in any given location (including considerations such as no parking zones, fire hydrants, proximity to stop signs or crosswalks, etc.), expected amount of use of the parking spot, available parking on that street and alternative options available; as well as, the degree that the impairment or limitation is reduced and the benefit to the applicant.

Procedure

After the verified application is received by Public Works, they will evaluate the application. This evaluation includes a traffic engineer inspecting the location. Public Works will notify the applicant whether the application has been approved or denied within thirty (30) days from its receipt.

Definition of Disability

As stated in Section 14-441 Physically Disabled is defined as:

Any person with disabilities which limit or impair the ability to walk, as determined by a licensed physician as follows:

1. The person cannot walk fifty (50) feet without stopping to rest; or
2. The person cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device; or
3. Is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced respiratory expiratory volume for one (1) second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one (1) liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty (60) mm/hg on room air at rest; or
4. Uses portable oxygen; or
5. Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as class III or class IV according to standards set by the American Heart Association; or
6. Is severely limited in his ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition.

Removal or Relocation

If a Residential Disabled Parking Space application has been approved and a disabled space has been installed, then the applicant shall notify the City of Columbia Public Works Department when they move to another residence. The City Public Works Department also reserves the right to remove any existing residential disabled spaces at any time and for any reason and that the spaces are public parking and not solely for use by the applicant.