

COUNCIL POLICY

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SUBJECT: DISABLED PERSONS PARKING ZONES ON CITY STREETS
POLICY NO.: 500-08
EFFECTIVE DATE: June 3, 1996

BACKGROUND:

Disabled persons parking zones (blue zones) provide accessible parking for the exclusive use of persons with disabilities who have a distinguishing license plate or placard on their vehicles. The plates and placards are issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles. Blue zones are typically indicated by a sign and stenciled blue curb. They are operative twenty-four hours a day, every day, unless otherwise posted.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to set forth guidelines for blue zones on City streets. As stated in Municipal Code Section 86.06, the City Manager is authorized to determine the specific locations for blue zones.

POLICY:

1. In business districts where on-street parking serves as a primary means of access for customers, blue zones shall be installed as follows (Note: These districts are typically identified by time limited on-street parking):
 - A. For each 1000-foot segment of curb (equivalent to one four-sided typical downtown block) a minimum of one blue zone shall be installed if there are between one and 25 parking spaces in the segment, and a minimum of two blue zones shall be installed if there are between 26 and 50 parking spaces in the segment.
 - B. Additional blue zones may be installed as needed to provide access to activity centers including, but not limited to government buildings and courthouses; hospitals, hospices, and health care facilities; community service facilities; educational and vocational training facilities; major employment centers; recreational, cultural and entertainment facilities; senior housing; and houses of worship.
2. In other areas, blue zones may be installed as needed to provide access to activity centers as described in Section 1B.
3. A blue zone may be installed by formal application to provide access to a residence under the following conditions.
 - A. Applicant is in possession of a distinguishing license plate or placard.
 - B. On-street location provides superior access to applicant's residence than other off-street alternatives.
 - C. Applicant understands that the blue zone will be available to all qualifying members of the public, and does not constitute reserved individual parking.


- D. Applicant pays one-time fee of an amount determined by the City Manager.
- 4. In cases of construction or special events, the following guidelines apply:
 - A. When construction activity causes temporarily removed or closed blue zones, the blue zones shall be replaced with appropriately sized temporary alternatives on a one-to-one basis for the duration of the removal or closure. Directional signage as necessary from the temporarily removed or closed blue zones to the temporary alternatives shall be provided.
 - B. Special events that generate a temporary increase in the need for accessible parking, or that temporarily remove or close existing blue zones, shall follow special events guidelines for accessible parking and provide a sufficient number of appropriately sized and located temporary blue zones.
 - 5. Nothing in this Policy shall relieve any entity from providing sufficient off-street disabled persons parking in accordance with any federal, state, or local code of law, standard, requirement or regulation.

HISTORY:

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This Information Bulletin covers requirements under the California Code of Regulations (Title 24) for Accessible Parking standards and reflect state guidelines which became effective April 1, 1994.

I. WHEN ACCESSIBLE PARKING IS REQUIRED

Accessible parking is required for all new parking lots and in existing parking lots when alterations, structural repairs, or additions are made.

The following are examples of alterations which would trigger compliance:

1. Resurfacing of an existing parking lot.
2. Slurry-sealing operation when the existing lines are blacked-out and new lines are painted over.
3. Realignment of existing striping.

Re-striping (re-painting the existing lines) is considered to be maintenance and does not trigger compliance with the current accessible parking provisions. However, it is the owner's responsibility to ensure that existing accessible parking spaces meet all applicable access provisions.

II. WHERE ACCESSIBLE PARKING IS REQUIRED

Each lot or parking structure where parking is provided for the public as clients, guests or employees, shall provide accessible parking as outlined by these standards.

III. WHERE ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES MUST BE LOCATED

Accessible parking spaces serving a particular building shall be located on the shortest accessible route of travel from adjacent parking to an accessible entrance. In parking facilities that do not serve a particular building, accessible parking shall be located on the shortest accessible route of travel to an accessible pedestrian entrance of the parking facility. In buildings with multiple accessible entrances with adjacent parking, accessible parking spaces shall be dispersed and located closest to the accessible entrances.

IV. SLOPE OF ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES AND ACCESS AISLES

Surface slopes of accessible parking spaces and associated access aisles shall be the minimum possible and shall not exceed 1/4 inch per foot (2.083 percent gradient) IN ANY DIRECTION.

V. ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENTS

The following is a table to determine the number of accessible parking spaces required:

Total Number of Parking Spaces in Lot or Garage	Minimum Number of Accessible Spaces Required
1-25	1
26-50	2
51-75	3
76-100	4
101-150	5
151-200	6
201-300	7
301-400	8
401-500	9
501-1,000	2% of Total
1,001 & over	20 plus 1 for each of 100, or fraction thereof over 1001

Important: One in every eight accessible spaces, but not less than one, shall be served by an access aisle 96" wide minimum and shall be designated van accessible. All such spaces may be grouped on one level of a parking structure.

When less than five regular parking spaces are provided, one shall be 14 feet wide and lined to provide a 9 foot parking area and a 5 foot loading and unloading area. However, there is no requirement that the space be reserved exclusively or identified for use by persons with disabilities only.

A higher percentage is required for medical care outpatient facilities as follows:

1. 10% of total number of parking provided for outpatient facilities.
2. 20% of total number of parking provided for facilities that specialize in treatment or services for persons with mobility impairments.

VI. ARRANGEMENT OF ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES

Access aisle must be provided on the passenger side of the vehicle for single spaces. When more than one accessible space is provided, the access aisle can be located in the center between the accessible spaces. Access aisles must always be provided on the passenger side for van-accessible spaces.

In each parking area, a bumper or curb shall be provided and located to prevent encroachment of cars over the required width of walkways.

The space shall be so located that persons with dis-

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