



Accessible Parking and Other Special “Disability” Sign Guidelines

The City of Colorado Springs places designated accessible parking signs on streets (right-of-ways) and special “disability” signs for persons requesting signs in front of their residence to foster the needs of those persons with qualifying mobility impairments/disabilities. The following guidelines were adopted by Public Works Traffic Engineering Division in 2015. The guidelines establish a procedure for installing accessible signs on the public right-of-way. Please keep in mind the right-of-way is for all people in all neighborhoods, we tried to allow for the maximum parking of all persons and keep sign proliferation to a minimum.

Where Parking Is Permitted, Signs Can Be Placed. All Other Parking Restrictions Are In Effect.

- **Accessible Parking** - An individual resident may request signs in front of their property if application is filled out and:
 - The individual has a valid Colorado permanent disability placard or plate (for themselves or household member) **or** Metro Mobility Para-Transit certified.
 - The person who requests accessible sign lives in the household the majority of the time.
 - There is no garage, carport or driveway extending to the front of the property (unless special circumstances exist like excessive distance/grade, etc. - to be determined by Traffic Area Technician).
- Typically, only one designated 25 foot accessible parking space is allowed per household (more than one space for multiple vehicles or drivers can occur).
- Sign will not be installed if the placement of the sign encroaches on the property of a neighbor.
- It should be emphasized that designated accessible parking signs along public streets may be used by anyone having a valid disability placard or plate. Spaces cannot be reserved for a specific individual, vehicle, or residence.
- Final decision on placement is at the sole discretion of Public Works – Traffic Engineering Division. These signs are not required by law; we place them as an added service.
- **Special Signs** - Individuals may request a special “disability” sign in front of their property if application filled out and:
 - There is a child under 13 in the household who is blind or deaf (the two disability signs we recognize).
 - The person for whom sign is requested lives in the household the majority of the time.
 - A brief explanation of the reason for the sign request (on application).
- Usually only one designated type of “disability” sign is allowed per household.
- Typically requires a minimum of 2 signs, installed 100-150 feet in advance of location.
- It should be emphasized that special “disability” signs are not acknowledged by the



- Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) as being useful or effective.
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There is no charge for sign to be placed.

Please let us know if a sign is no longer needed; we reserve the right to remove a sign once child turns 13 years old.

Failure to notify us of unneeded sign minimizes the effectiveness of other properly placed signs.