

Chapter 132

PARKING, HANDICAPPED

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the 10-17-2005 Special Town Meeting, Art. 16. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Streets and sidewalks – See Ch. 147.

Traffic rules and orders – See Ch. 193.

§ 132-1. Designation of spaces; formula.

Any person or body that has lawful control of a public or private way or of improved or enclosed property used as off-street parking areas for businesses, shopping malls, theaters, auditoriums, sporting or recreational facilities, cultural centers, residential dwellings, or for any other place where the public has a right of access as invitees or licensees, to reserve parking spaces in said off-street parking areas for any vehicle owned and operated by a disabled veteran or handicapped person whose vehicle bears the distinguishing license plate authorized by said MGL c. 90 § 2 or for any vehicle transporting a handicapped person and displaying the special identification plate authorized by MGL c. 90 § 2 or for any vehicle bearing the official identification of a handicapped person issued by any other state, or any Canadian Province, according to the following formula:

If the number of parking spaces in any such area is more than 15 but not more than 25, one parking space; more than 25 but not more than 40, 5% of such spaces but not less than two; more than 40 but not more than 100, 4% of such spaces but not less than three; more than 100 but not more than 200, 3% of such spaces but not less than four; more than 200 but not more than 500, 2% of such spaces but not less than six; more than 500 but not more than 1,000, 1½% of such spaces but not less than 10; more than 1,000 but not more than 2,000, 1% of such spaces but not less than 15; more than 2,000 but less than 5,000, ¾ of 1% of such spaces but not less than 20; and more than 5,000, ½ of 1% of such spaces but not less than 30.

§ 132-2. Identification of spaces.

Parking spaces designated as reserved under the provisions of § 132-1 shall be identified by the use of above-grade signs with white lettering against a blue background and shall bear the words “Handicapped Parking: Special Plate Required. Unauthorized Vehicles May be Removed at Owner’s Expense”; shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway; shall be adjacent to curb ramps or other unobstructed methods permitting sidewalk access to a handicapped person; and shall be 12 feet wide or two eight-foot wide areas with four feet of cross hatch between them. The cross hatch area abutting a handicapped parking space shall, for the purposes of this section, be considered a handicapped parking space.

§ 132-3. Obstruction of spaces prohibited.

The leaving, parking or idling of unauthorized vehicles within parking spaces designated for use by disabled veterans or handicapped persons as authorized by §§ 132-1 and 132-2 or in such manner as to obstruct a curb ramp designed for use by handicapped persons as a means of egress to a street or public way shall be prohibited.

§ 132-4. Violations and penalties.

The penalty for violation of this chapter shall be \$100, for a second offense, \$200, and for a third and any subsequent offense, \$300. The vehicle may be removed according to the provisions of § 120D of Chapter 266 of the General Laws.