



## GUIDELINES FOR ON-STREET ACCESSIBLE PARKING ZONE

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a process by which unincorporated County residents who possess distinguishing license plates or permanent placards pursuant to California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 22511.5 or disabled veterans pursuant to CVC Section 9105 may request the installation of an On-Street Accessible Parking Zone on Public Right of Way within the unincorporated County, under Los Angeles County Code 15.64.400.

### A. BACKGROUND

On-Street Accessible Parking Zones (formerly known as disabled persons' parking zones or "blue curb") are intended to accommodate the needs of qualified applicants who do not have any off-street parking options available.

The public right of way is a shared public resource that is maintained for the benefit of all members of the public. Installation of an On-Street Accessible Parking Zones does not create a private parking space or confer any ownership interest, exclusive right, preferential property interest, or permanent entitlement to any portion of the public right of way.

All On-Street Accessible Parking Zones remain public facilities that are available for use by any vehicle lawfully displaying a valid disabled person placard or license plate and are subject to regulation, relocation, or removal by Los Angeles County Public Works as warranted by engineering judgment, accessibility standards, roadway improvements, or the public interest.

Applicants remain responsible for addressing accessibility limitations that exist on private property. Inaccessibility resulting from existing site conditions, including but not limited to steep slopes, driveways, narrow or uneven pathways, or other private property constraints, does not by itself justify the installation of an On-Street Accessible Parking Zone.

### B. CONDITIONS FOR QUALIFICATION

On-Street Accessible Parking Zones shall only be established where the applicant demonstrates, to the satisfaction of Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) that they qualify under the following criteria:

- Applicant must be a full-time resident of the unincorporated County address for which the On-Street Accessible Parking Zone is requested. Proof of residency, such as driver's license or utility bill, is required.
- Applicant must have a valid California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Permanent Placard or Plate associated with the unincorporated County address for which the On-Street Accessible Parking Zone is requested.
- For apartments, permitted accessory dwelling units, condos, and townhomes, all on-site parking options must have been exhausted. Applicants must demonstrate that the property owner, management, or association is unable to provide a reasonably accessible on-site parking option. Written proof that an accessible on-site parking option is unavailable, such as a rental agreement, is required.

Applications for an On-Street Accessible Parking Zone will NOT be considered eligible if any of the following apply:

- There is off-street parking (i.e. driveway or garage) on the property that is available to the applicant.
- The driveway or garage is utilized for storage or has been rendered inaccessible due to unpermitted work.
- The applicant holds a temporary disabled person placard or license plate.
- There is insufficient curb space or roadway width for proper installation.

### **C. ENGINEERING AND ACCESSIBILITY STUDY**

Public Works staff will perform an engineering and accessibility study. This may include the following:

- Applicant's consent to allow Public Works staff to enter the property of Applicant to ascertain the presence of off-street parking, including access to Applicant's driveway and garage, if applicable.
- Site visit may be conducted to assess existing curb space, roadway width, and potential obstructions. This includes identifying any fixed objects, such as signposts, bus stops, street furniture, planters, or trees that may prevent installation.

Approval of an On-Street Accessible Parking Zone will be based on the engineering and accessibility study results and analysis of existing site conditions.

Placement must comply with the latest Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines, or PROWAG (<https://www.access-board.gov/prowag/>).

#### **D. RENEWAL OF ON-STREET ACCESSIBLE PARKING ZONES**

Since an On-Street Accessible Parking Zone is located within a public right of way, On-Street Accessible Parking Zone is available to any vehicle displaying a valid disabled person placard or license plate. No renewal application is required once the On-Street Accessible Parking Zone has been established.

#### **E. RELOCATION OR REMOVAL OF ON-STREET ACCESSIBLE PARKING ZONES**

Public Works may review and re-evaluate the relocation or removal of existing On-Street Accessible Parking Zones.

Relocation may occur as a result of roadway projects that alter street conditions, such as road reconstruction or resurfacing projects, and removal may be appropriate for On-Street Accessible Parking Zones that do not comply with PROWAG.

Public Works may conduct an engineering and accessibility study to ensure compliance with PROWAG and will notify the adjacent property owners of any proposed relocation or removal.

#### **F. AGREEMENT TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING FOR AN ON-STREET ACCESSIBLE PARKING ZONE**

The applicant will be required to review the Los Angeles County Public Works Guidelines for an On-Street Accessible Parking Zone, complete the application, and sign the agreement/waiver form. By signing the application, the applicant acknowledges and agrees to all the requirements associated with the installation of an On-Street Accessible Parking Zone.