



## **ON-STREET ACCESSIBLE PARKING ZONE (APZ) PROGRAM**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)**

#### **What is an on-street Accessible Parking Zone (APZ)?**

An on-street Accessible Parking Zone (APZ), formerly known as a “blue curb,” is a designated parking space located within the public right-of-way for use by vehicles displaying a valid California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)-issued disabled person placard or disabled person license plate. The program is intended to improve accessibility for eligible residents who do not have access to a reasonably accessible off-street parking option.

#### **Is the parking space reserved exclusively for me?**

No. An on-street APZ is located within the public right-of-way and remains public property. Any vehicle lawfully displaying a valid disabled person placard or disabled person license plate may park in the space on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### **Who is eligible to apply?**

Applicants must:

- Be a full-time resident of an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County.
- Possess a valid California DMV permanent disabled person placard or disabled person license plate.
- Lack a reasonably accessible off-street parking option.
- Meet all eligibility requirements outlined in the Guidelines.

#### **Who is not eligible?**

Applications will not be approved if:

- A driveway or garage is available for the applicant's use.
- A garage or driveway is used for storage or has been made unusable due to unpermitted work.
- The applicant only possesses a temporary disabled person placard.
- There is insufficient roadway width or curb space for proper installation.
- There are existing conditions along the roadway that may prevent or restrict installation of an on-street APZ.

### **What documents are required?**

Depending on your circumstances, you may be asked to provide:

- Proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill.
- Proof of a permanent DMV disabled person placard or license plate, such as vehicle registration.
- Documentation showing that the property owner, property management, or homeowners association is unable to provide a reasonably accessible on-site parking option, if applicable.
- Vehicle registration for a lift-equipped van, if applicable.

### **How does Public Works evaluate my request?**

Public Works performs an engineering and accessibility study that may include:

- A review of roadway and curb conditions.
- A site visit.
- Verification of unavailability of off-street parking.
- Evaluation of sidewalks, roadway width, existing obstructions, and accessibility requirements.
- Review for compliance with the [Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines](#) (PROWAG).

### **Does submitting an application guarantee approval?**

No. Every application is evaluated individually. Approval is based on eligibility, engineering judgment, existing site conditions, and compliance with applicable accessibility standards.

### **What would be a qualifying location for an On-Street APZ?**

An on-street APZ must meet applicable state and federal accessibility guidelines. Generally, a qualifying location should provide a safe and accessible path of travel from the parking space to the sidewalk.

A qualifying location may include:

- Sufficient curb space for the parking zone.
- Adequate roadway width for proper installation.
- A sidewalk that extends to the curb.
- A curb ramp or accessible route to the sidewalk.
- No fixed obstructions adjacent to the parking space that would prevent doors from opening, lifts from deploying, or mobility devices from safely accessing the sidewalk.

### **What conditions may prevent or restrict installation of an On-street APZ?**

Certain existing conditions may restrict or prevent installation of an on-street APZ. These include, but are not limited to:

- Utility poles, street furniture, planters, trees, grass parkways, or other obstructions that restrict accessibility.
- Existing driveways, storm drains, utility/service lines, or other infrastructure that may create accessibility or safety concerns.
- Bus stops or bus zones near the proposed location, particularly near an existing curb ramp or street corner.
- Insufficient roadway width, curb space, or sidewalk width.
- Roadway or sidewalk conditions that do not support a safe and accessible path of travel.

### **Will Public Works inspect my property?**

Possibly. Applicants may be asked to allow Public Works staff to verify the availability of off-street parking, including access to a driveway or garage when applicable.

### **How long does the process take?**

Processing times vary depending on application completeness, engineering and field reviews, adoption of traffic regulations through the Board of Supervisors, and installation. Public Works will contact applicants if additional information is needed.

### **Can the On-Street APZ be moved or removed?**

Yes. Because an on-street APZ is located within the public right-of-way, Public Works may relocate or remove it if roadway conditions change, accessibility standards change, engineering evaluations warrant a modification, or it is otherwise determined to be in the public interest.

### **Do I have to renew my On-Street APZ?**

No. Once installed, an on-street APZ does not require renewal. However, it remains subject to relocation or removal by Public Works.

### **Who enforces the parking restrictions?**

Parking regulations are enforced by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Parking Enforcement Detail. To contact your local parking enforcement station, please visit: <https://lasd.org/parking-enforcement/>

### **What if someone parks in the space without a disabled placard or license plate?**

Vehicles parked illegally in an On-Street APZ may be subject to citation or other enforcement action. To report a parking violation, contact the appropriate parking enforcement agency. Please visit: <https://lasd.org/parking-enforcement/>

### **Where can I obtain a disabled person placard or disabled person license plate?**

Disabled person placards and license plates are issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Please visit the DMV website or contact your healthcare provider for information about eligibility.

### **Who can I contact if I have additional questions?**

Los Angeles County Public Works  
Traffic Safety and Mobility Division  
Email: [parking@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:parking@pw.lacounty.gov)