



Disability Parking

The Denver Office of Disability Rights is trying to inform the community about Denver's Disability Parking ordinance. A copy of the ordinance is enclosed for your reference. Some highlights of the ordinance are:

- A person with a mobility impairment using a valid disability placard or plate, *issued to them*, may park at Denver City meters for up to four (4) hours without paying during the time parking is allowed. The vehicle must then be moved.
- A person with a mobility impairment using a valid disability placard or plate, *issued to them*, may park in Denver City signed time limit zones for up to four (4) hours when parking is allowed. The vehicle must then be moved.
- A person with a mobility impairment using a valid disability placard or plate, *issued to them*, **may not** park in areas designated for specific vehicles. (e.g. **van only** 54-485 (e) (2))
- A person with a mobility impairment using a valid disability placard or plate, *issued to them*, **may not** park in areas where there is cross-hatching (e.g. **access aisles** adjacent to Disability Parking spaces. 54-485 (i))

Please feel free to call the Office with any problems or concerns. 720 913-8482.

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Section 1. Section 54-485, (Parking for persons with distinguishing license plates or identifying placards obtained because of mobility impairment, as prescribed by law)

“Sec. 54-485. Parking for persons with mobility impairment.

(a) Any vehicle with distinguishing license plates or an indentifying placard obtained by a person with a mobility impairment as prescribed by law, and being used by such person, may be parked in a parking space identified as being reserved for used by the disabled whether on public property or private property available for public use; or in any public parking area along any public street in restricted time limit zones or at parking metered spaces or multi-space sections during hours parking is permitted.

(b) Any vehicle with distinguishing license plates or an identifying placard obtained by a person with a mobility impairment as prescribed by law, and being used by such person, may be parked free of charge in a parking metered space or multi-space section controlled by a parking meter or kiosk during hours that parking is permitted in such parking metered space or multi-space section, for a time period authorized by the parking meter or for four (4) consecutive hours, whichever is greater, regardless of the time period otherwise allowed for parking in the parking metered space or multi-space section controlled by such meter or kiosk. At the end of the authorized time period the vehicle must be moved at least 100 feet from the parking metered space or multi-space section as required by Section 54-420 of this Revised Municipal Code.

(c) Any vehicle with distinguishing license plates or an identifying placard obtained by a person with a mobility impairment as prescribed by law, and being used by such person, may be parked in a public parking space controlled by posted signs during such hours that parking is permitted for the time period authorized by the sign or for four (4) consecutive hours, whichever is greater. At the expiration of the authorized time period the vehicle must be moved at least 100 feet from the parking space as required by Section 54-420 of this Revised Municipal Code.

(d) Such distinguishing license plates or identifying placards shall be properly affixed to the vehicle operated by such person with a mobility impairment. A distinguishing license plate shall be affixed to the vehicle in the manner required by state law. An identifying placard shall be prominently displayed from the rear view mirror inside the vehicle or displayed on the vehicle dashboard in plain view of any police officer or parking control agent looking through the vehicle windshield, and both the identifying placard and the identification number required to be placed upon such placard by state law shall be clearly visible and legible to such officer or agent when viewed from outside of the vehicle through the vehicle windshield.

(e) It shall be unlawful for persons with mobility impairments to be parked along public streets, or in designated parking spaces on public or private property:

- (1) During such times when all stopping, standing or parking of all vehicles is prohibited;
- (2) When only special vehicles may be parked;
- (3) When parking is not allowed during specific periods of the day in order to accommodate heavy traffic;
- (4) For a period exceeding seventy-two (72) hours as prohibited by section 54-465, parking in excess of seventy-two (72) hours.

(f) The owner of private property available for public use may install signs prescribed by the city traffic engineer identifying parking spaces designed to specifications of the city traffic engineer and reserved for use by the disabled. Such installation shall be a waiver of any objection the owner may assert concerning enforcement of this section by such police officers, and such officers are hereby authorized and empowered to enforce this section of the Code.

(g) It shall be unlawful for any person who does not have a mobility impairment to exercise the parking privilege defined in this section.

(h) It shall be unlawful for any vehicle without distinguishing license plates or an identifying placard obtained by a person with a mobility impairment as prescribed by law to be parked in a parking space identified as being reserved for use by the disabled.

(i) It shall be unlawful for any vehicle to park in any area designated for loading and unloading of a vehicle designed for the mobility impaired by pavement markings such as cross-hatching or by other indication. These areas are access aisles and parking by any vehicle is prohibited at all times.”