

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP

Policy

Non-Personalized Handicapped On-Street Parking

Designated handicapped parking spaces are reserved for the parking, stopping and standing of motor vehicles displaying a parking card issued under R.C. § 4503.44 or is being operated by or for the transport of a handicapped person and is displaying the placard or special license plates authorized by R.C. § 4503.44.

Non-personalized handicapped parking spaces may be established on public streets, alleys, parking lots and rights-of-way in front of residential, commercial, or industrial structures, by the Township Administrator.

A non-personalized handicapped parking space may be established on a public street abutting a residence, upon application by a resident.

No person shall stop, stand or park any motor vehicle at non-personalized handicapped parking spaces designated on private property or on any public streets, alleys, parking lots or other public rights-of-way by signs or markings at or on such spaces unless the motor vehicle displays a placard or special license plate authorized by R.C. § 4503.44.

Procedure and Requirements

Any person requesting an on-street non-personalized handicapped parking space within Columbia Township shall make application by appropriate form provided by the Administrative Office. Any person who proposes to maintain eligibility for existing handicapped parking spaces shall submit an application to the Township Administrator.

Review of applications:

The Township Administrator shall review all applications submitted and determine if all requirements have been met for granting a handicapped parking space. The Township Administrator shall approve or reject all applications utilizing the criteria set forth below. Anyone aggrieved by the decision of the Township Administrator shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Township Trustees by submitting a letter to the attention of the Trustees. The Township Administrator shall review all handicapped parking spaces or areas at least once annually to determine whether or not the individuals so requesting the handicapped parking space or areas continues to be eligible under the criteria hereinafter set forth.

The criteria for a non-personalized handicapped parking space shall be as follows:

1. The person so requesting the space shall exhibit proof that he or she has qualified for a handicapped person's license plate under the regulations issued by the State of Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles.
2. No more than one non-personalized handicapped parking space shall be issued to any one individual within the limits of Columbia Township.
3. Applicant must occupy the real property abutting the proposed handicapped parking space and applicants or a member of their family must own the motor vehicle using the proposed handicapped parking space.
4. No more than one handicapped parking space shall be provided per dwelling unit within the limits of Columbia Township.
5. Any proposed handicapped parking space must not significantly impair parking for other residents in the immediate area.
6. No handicapped parking space shall be provided for the location so requested if there exists a reasonably accessible and practicable off-street parking space to serve such location.
7. The individual requesting the handicapped parking space shall provide evidence that he or she has physical impairment such as a loss of use of a lower extremity, cardiopulmonary condition which substantially restricts movement or otherwise requires the use of a wheelchair, crutches, walker or similar device for purposes of locomotion.
8. In considering an application for handicapped parking space, a report or letter from the applicant's treating physician may be considered but any such report shall not by itself be considered conclusive.
9. No handicapped parking space shall be created unless it can be demonstrated that the physical condition giving rise to the request is reasonably expected to continue for a period of no less than six consecutive months.
10. In the event there is a material improvement in the physical condition of the applicant, supported by a report or letter from the applicant's treating physician, to the extent that the applicant would no longer qualify under the criteria set forth herein, the handicapped parking space shall be removed. Likewise, the handicapped parking space shall be removed if there is a change in the circumstances such that the handicapped parking space shall no longer be appropriate under the criteria referred to herein.
11. A fee of \$50 payable at the time of the notification of approval of the handicapped parking request is hereby set. The fees provided will be used to help cover the cost of materials and labor to establish the parking space.

Renewal application procedure:

All approved applications shall be subject to an annual renewal/administrative fee of \$10 each year for a non-personalized parking space each year. Said fee is to be paid to Columbia Township and submitted with a renewal application (which includes proof of eligibility as required above) not later than January 15 of each year. In the event said fee is not paid by said date, then the existing handicapped parking space shall terminate and be removed as of January 15 of each year.

Any person who proposes to maintain eligibility for existing handicapped parking spaces shall submit a renewal application, which included proof of eligibility as required above, to the Township Administrator. Said application shall be accompanied by the annual renewal administrative fee of \$10 for a non-personalized parking space each year.

Notice of violation:

Whenever the Township Administrator or other authorized Township representative determines that there are reasonable grounds to believe that there has been a violation of any provisions of this policy or of any regulation adopted pursuant thereto, the Township Administrator shall give notice to said individual and/or entity of such alleged violation and/or noncompliance as herein provided. Such notice shall be in writing and include a statement of the reason for its issuance and/or revocation of handicapped parking space.

Adopted: February _____, 2016

Columbia Township

Non-Personalized Handicapped Parking Space Permit Application

When is this permit required?

This permit is required for the installation of a non-personalized handicapped parking space on a public street, alley, parking lot, or right-of-way for the parking, stopping and standing of motor vehicles displaying a placard issued under R.C. § 4503.44 or is being operated by or for the transport of a handicapped person and is displaying the placard or special license plates authorized by R.C. § 4503.44.

What will be reviewed?

The proposed non-personalized handicapped parking space location will be reviewed and the handicapped person or physician recommending or authorizing the space may be interviewed to verify compliance with requirements. The Road Superintendent or designee will make a site visit and provide the Township Administrator with a fact-finding report for final action. The Township Administrator may approve the request if the minimum criteria of the above referenced requirements have been satisfied.

How do I apply for a Non-Personalized Handicapped Parking Space Permit?

Upon submittal to the Township Administrator the Non-Personalized Handicapped Parking Space Permit request will be logged in. The applicant will typically receive notification from this office within 5-10 business days from the date of submittal regarding the permit status.

To apply for a Non-Personalized Handicap Parking Space Permit you must submit the required information to the:

Township Administrator
Columbia Township
5686 Kenwood Road
Cincinnati, OH 45227

Submittal Requirements

- The Non-Personalized Handicapped Parking Space Permit application included as part of this packet should be completed
- A photocopy of the OBMV handicap-parking placard

Inspections Required

Columbia Township will field inspect the location of the proposed non-personalized handicap parking space and may conduct an interview with the handicap person in their home to verify the conditions stated on the application.

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP
NON-PERSONALIZED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE PERMIT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

TRACKING No: -

Name of Handicapped Person: _____

Address of Handicapped Person (Proposed Space): _____

1. Does the applicant have a valid handicap placard or license plate issued by the State of Ohio BMV? (If yes, please attach a photocopy). Yes No

2. Does the applicant occupy the real property abutting the proposed handicap parking space? Yes No

3. Does the applicant or an immediate member of their family own the motor vehicle using the proposed handicap parking space? Yes No

4. Is the applicant severely handicap in that he or she has lost the use of one or both legs, one or both arms, is blind or deaf and cannot move about without the aid of crutches, walker or a wheelchair or similar equipment. (Circle all that apply) Yes No

5. Does the applicant lack off-street parking in the immediate vicinity of the proposed handicapped parking space? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____

PROPERTY OWNER

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: State: Zip: _____

***** FIELD INSPECTION *****

Field Inspection Conducted by: _____ Date: _____

1. Will proposed handicap parking space(s) significantly impair parking for other residents in the immediate area? Yes No

2. Is information supplied above confirmed? Yes No

3. Do you recommend approval of request? Yes No

4. Comments _____

Approved by Township Administrator: _____

Date: _____

Copies to: _____ Applicant _____ Trustees _____ File _____ Property Owner