



City of Alameda Public Works Department Residential Disabled Parking Zone (RDPZ) Policy

Background

The RDPZ Program is intended to assist drivers with mobility impairments who cannot otherwise gain ready access to their residence. In general, a RDPZ consists of a blue painted curb, 18 to 22 feet long, and a posted sign with the international symbol of accessibility (wheelchair). This policy has been established to ensure that RDPZ's are installed where there is a demonstrated and documented need for a parking space designated for persons with disabilities on the residential street where they live, and there are no other reasonable and feasible parking alternative available outside of the public right-of-way.

Policy

The City does not install RDPZ's for paratransit pick-up and/or drop-off. The location of the requested RDPZ will be in front of the applicant's residence. It is not a personal parking space, and any vehicle displaying a valid disabled placard may legally use the parking space. In addition, vehicles parked in the RDPZ and displaying a valid disabled placard are not exempt from (A) posted parking restrictions, such as street sweeping hours, and (B) parking restrictions from the California Vehicle Code and Alameda Municipal Code. Motorists, who park their vehicles in violation, may be cited. A RDPZ is created through a revocable permit; the City reserves the right to remove the RDPZ if it is determined to be in the best interest of the public to do so.

To be eligible for a RDPZ, **all** of the following requirements need to be met:

1. The applicant has a long-term disability that makes it difficult for him or her to walk long distances (from vehicle to residence).
2. The applicant does not have access to usable off-street parking, such as their driveway or garage.
3. The applicant possesses a current and valid disabled parking permit issued by DMV.
4. The applicant possesses a current valid driver's license.
5. The applicant has a vehicle registered in his or her own name.
6. If the applicant is not the property owner, the property owner will be required to provide a written concurrence of the request for a RDPZ in front of the property.
7. The applicant completes the **RDPZ Application**.
8. The applicant signs the City's standard **Liability Waiver & General Release of All Claims**. If the applicant is not the property owner, the property owner will also need to sign the **Liability Waiver and General Release of All Claims**.
9. There is no existing RDPZ on the same block within 100 feet of the applicant's address.

Upon receipt of an application, the City will review the application for completeness and, if complete, conduct a field review of the requested RDPZ location, notify residents within 300 feet of the proposed RDPZ, review responses from residents regarding the establishment of a RDPZ, and determine if the request should be approved. Meeting the requirements listed in this policy and the verification of eligibility may not guarantee the approval of a request. If the RDPZ is approved, the City will install the RDPZ at no cost to the applicant. Once installed, the City will send a notice once a year to the applicant inquiring about the validity of the RDPZ. In order to have the RDPZ maintained, the applicant must respond and verify that they are still living at the address on their application and have a current DMV issued disabled parking permit. Otherwise, the City will remove the RDPZ, as necessary.

<p>CITY OF ALAMEDA</p> <hr/> <p>RESIDENTIAL DISABLED PARKING ZONE (RDPZ) POLICY</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED BY</p> <p>_____ SUPERVISING CIVIL ENGINEER</p> <p>DATE <u>07/17/12</u></p>	<p>APPROVED BY</p> <p>_____ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR</p> <p>DATE <u>7-18-12</u></p>
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