

Title 10

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10.04.010 Required—Amount—Standards.

A. Any person or body that has lawful control of a public way or private way or of improved or enclosed property used as off-street parking areas for business, shopping malls, theaters, auditoriums, sporting or recreational facilities, cultural centers, residential dwellings, or for any other place where the public has a right of access as invitees or licensees, is required, subject to the remaining provisions of this section, to reserve parking spaces in such off-street parking areas for any vehicle owned and operated by a disabled veteran or handicapped person whose vehicle bears the distinguishing license plate authorized by Section 2 of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, according to the following formula: If the number of parking spaces in any such area is:

1. More than fifteen (15) but not more than twenty-five (25), one parking space;
2. More than twenty-five (25) but not more than forty (40), five percent of such spaces but not less than two;
3. More than forty (40) but not more than one hundred (100), four percent of such spaces but not less than three;
4. More than one hundred (100) but not more than two hundred (200), three percent of such spaces but not less than four;
5. More than two hundred (200) but not more than five hundred (500), two percent of such spaces but not less than six;
6. More than five hundred (500) but not more than one thousand (1,000), one and one-half percent of such spaces but not less than ten (10);
7. More than one thousand (1,000) but not more than two thousand (2,000), one percent of such spaces but not less than fifteen (15);

8. More than two thousand (2,000) but less than five thousand (5,000), three-fourths of one percent of such spaces but not less than twenty (20); and

9. More than five thousand (5,000), one-half of one percent of such spaces but not less than thirty (30).

B. Parking spaces designated as reserved under the provisions of this section shall be identified by the use of above-grade signs with white lettering against a blue background and shall bear the words "Handicapped Parking: Special Plate Required. Unauthorized vehicles may be removed at owner's expense"; shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway and shall be eight (8) feet wide with a five (5) foot wide cross-hatch access aisle adjacent to it except when adjacent to a van accessible parking space which requires an eight (8) foot cross-hatch access aisle, and said access aisles shall have curb ramp (cut) leading to walkway or other unobstructed methods permitting sidewalk access to a handicapped person. (ATM 5-9-2001 Art. 28 (part); prior code § 113-1-1)

10.04.020 Unauthorized use prohibited.

No person may leave a vehicle other than a vehicle which is owned and operated by a disabled veteran or handicapped person which vehicle bears the distinguishing license plate authorized by Section 2 of Chapter 90, within a parking space designated for use by disabled veterans or handicapped persons as authorized by Section 10.04.010. (ATM 5-8-1989 Art. 13 (part); prior code § 113-11-2 (part))

10.04.030 Obstruction of curb ramps (cut) and parking in cross-hatch area (access aisle).

No person may leave a vehicle in such a manner as to obstruct a curb ramp (cut) or cross-hatch area (access aisle) designated for use of handicapped persons as a means of egress to a street or public way. (ATM 5-9-2001 Art. 28 (part); ATM 5-8-1989 Art. 13 (part); prior code § 113-11-2 (part))

10.04.040 Violation—Penalty.

The penalty for violation of this bylaw shall be no less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus removal of the vehicle according to the provisions of Section 120D of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 266. (ATM 5-9-2001 Art. 28 (part); ATM 5-8-1989 Art. 13 (part); prior code § 113-11-2 (part))