

HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGN PROGRAM

Philosophy

The Handicapped Street Parking Sign Program is an integral part of the Norwood Health Department's mission Plan to meet community needs by direct community involvement. It is one of the major approaches through which the department promotes and protects the health and well-being of the Norwood citizen through organized programs that involve citizen decisions.

Objectives

1. To provide an understanding of disabling conditions that prevent/restrict normal activity or movement.
2. To encourage sensitivity to the needs of the handicapped individual and his/her family.
3. To provide knowledge that enables an intelligent distinction to be made regarding handicapped conditions and physical environments.
4. To contribute toward the personal independence of the handicapped.
5. To make decisions regarding the approval of individual handicapped parking signs on public streets to Norwood residents in a uniform and unbiased manner.

Definition

For the purpose of this program, the term "handicapped individual" means any individual who is unable to walk the distance of city block.

Criteria

To Justify Reserving Public Street Space for Private Use:

1. Must be in possession of Disability Parking Placard issued by the State of Ohio, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio.
2. Must be unable to walk the distance of an average city block.
3. Must have a valid, current, Ohio's driver's license.
4. Must be the driver of the motor vehicle. Exception: minors or those confined to wheelchairs.
 - a. Must possess mental/physical ability to operate a motor vehicle
5. Must have a motor vehicle available at all times for their use.
6. Must not have a driveway at residence, and/or not have available off-street parking. Driveway and/or off-street parking must not be accessible.
7. Must drive/use motor vehicle at least a sufficient number of times in a week/month to justify reserving space on public street for their personal use.

Procedure

1. Application made for Disability Parking Placard and have it approved by the State of Ohio, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio.
2. Complete Application for Handicapped Street Parking Sign and submit to the Norwood Health Department, Norwood, Ohio.

3. After receiving authorization from applicant, letter will be sent to applicant's personal physician requesting their professional medical opinion as to the applicant's ability to walk the distance of an average city block.
4. A Public Health Nurse of the Norwood Health Department will interview each applicant in their home and document the visit on the Handicapped Street Parking Sign Home Visit Report.
5. The Handicapped Street Parking Sign Committee will meet as needed for the sole purpose of reviewing applications and approving/disapproving requests for street handicapped parking signs on public streets in front of residence. Decisions of the committee members are based on applicant meeting all five of the stated criteria established for eligibility.
6. If applicant is approved:
 - a. Letter sent by Health Commissioner to notify applicant of committee's decision.
 - b. Letter sent by Health Commissioner to Safety Service Director requesting handicapped sign be placed at residence.
7. If applicant is disapproved:
 - a. Letter sent by Health Commissioner of committee decision. Letter to include applicant's right of appeal.
8. Review of approved street handicapped parking sign applicants by the Handicapped Street Parking Sign Committee will be performed as need and time permits.

Handicapped Street Parking Sign Committee

1. Will be composed of a chair plus three members.
2. Chair will be held by the Health Commissioner. The chair has authority to approve/disapprove handicapped parking applications with/without committee's decisions. The chair votes on ties of members. Chair notifies applicants in writing of decision.
3. At least two members of committee (including the Chair) must not be an employee of the City of Norwood.



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APPLICATION FOR HANDICAPPED STREET PARKING SIGN

NAME _____ AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____ APT# _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL _____ WORK _____

OHIO HANDICAPPED PLACARD/CARD # _____ EXPIRES _____

MY HANDICAP IS _____

YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO CONTACT MY PERSONAL PHYSICIAN LISTED BELOW IN REGARD TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED HANDICAP.

DR. _____

ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE OF HANDICAPPED PERSON
OR NEXT-OF-KIN

RELATIONSHIP IF SIGNED BY NEXT-OF-KIN

DATE _____

RETURN TO: NORWOOD CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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