

CORONADO, CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE CITY ENGINEER

WARRANT – BLUE CURB ZONES

Blue Curb zones are used to designate parking areas for the exclusive use of the physically disabled or handicapped. To be legally parked in such zones, vehicles must display either the distinguishing license plate or placard prescribed by the California Vehicle Code or a special plate or sticker issued by the Coronado Police. Blue Curb zones are established where the need for disabled parking is of an ongoing nature, and must not be used for short-term purposes and then later seldom used. Designation of a Blue Curb zone is considered by the City only after receipt of a written application from the abutting activity or an individual that would primarily benefit from such an installation.

1. A minimum of one Blue Curb parking space is warranted in any of the following locations when it can be shown that the users of the abutting facility include the physically disabled, and off-street parking space is not available.
  - a. A government building serving the general public.
  - b. A community service facility such as a senior center.
  - c. A hospital or convalescent home.
  - d. A school or other educational facility.
  - e. A public recreational facility.
  - f. A public theater, auditorium or meeting hall.
  - g. A church.
  
2. The preservation of parking for all City residents is a priority. While the installation of blue curb zones in residential areas limits the availability of certain parking locations, blue curb zones are sometimes warranted. The following criteria should be used to evaluate requests for blue curb zones within residential areas on a case-by-case basis. Blue curb zones in residential areas will be considered warranted if the following conditions are met:
  - a. The applicant can demonstrate their “primary residence” is the address where the blue curb zone is being requested. This can be accomplished by submitting the following:

Indicate Ownership/Right to Occupy Residence (provide one of the following):

- Provide copy of property tax bill indicating applicant as owner
- Provide contract of sale or other proof indicating applicant’s purchase of the subject property
- Provide lease/rental agreement indicating right to occupy residence for minimum of six months. Lease/rental agreements with a “month-to-month” term will only be accepted if the agreement has been in place for more than one year.

Indicate Intent to Occupy Address for Majority of Year (provide two of the following):

- Government-issued photo ID showing applicant's name and subject address
  - Utility bill showing applicant's name and subject address
  - Voter registration indicating applicant is registered to vote in Coronado
  - Bank statements listing applicant's name and address
  - Current payroll stub listing applicant's name and address
  - Correspondence from a government agency to the applicant at the subject address
  - Any other documentation proving occupation, or intent to occupy, the subject address that is deemed acceptable by the City Engineer
- b. The applicant (or guardian) is in possession of a vehicle with valid disabled plates, placard, or sticker. In an effort to maintain parking for neighborhood residents, applicants (or guardians) that do not own a vehicle or have a valid driver's license, but are in possession of disabled plates, placards, or stickers, do not satisfy this requirement. A photocopy of the applicant/guardian's driver's license, current vehicle registration, and current disabled parking registration must be submitted to the City.
- c. The residential property does not have space which could be reasonably converted to disabled parking. Improvements such as doorway widening, handrails, or ramp installations are considered reasonable for residents to install prior to requesting blue curb zones. Expansion of an existing garage or other significant structural improvements needed to convert space or access-ways to accommodate disabled parking is not considered reasonable to ask of residents.
- d. A physician certifies that the disabled person is unable (even with the aid of crutches, wheelchair or walker) to travel more than 50 feet between his or her home and automobile without the assistance of a second person. Disabilities such as a broken foot or leg that only temporarily limit mobility do not satisfy this requirement.
- e. If a Blue Curb Zone is approved by the City Council, the applicant will provide proof of a valid disabled placard, plates, or sticker on a yearly basis. Proof of the valid placard, plate, or sticker must be signed by the original applicant and delivered to the City's Engineering Division. The blue curb zone will be removed if proof of disability cannot be provided OR applicant does not respond to a request for proof of disability within three (3) months of notice. A blue curb zone will also be removed if the original applicant moves from the location, although a new owner or tenant may retain an existing blue curb zone if they can provide the required documentation for eligibility.

3. For residents of condominium or apartment complexes, all of the requirements for residential blue curb zones must be met in addition to the following:
  - a. A petition in favor of the blue curb zone must be signed by a majority of complex residents and notification of the property owner that a blue curb zone has been requested must be made.
4. Except where the activity adjacent to the proposed Blue Curb zone is operated by a governmental entity, a favorable recommendation for an otherwise warranted zone will be contingent upon the applicant depositing with the City a fee adequate to cover the cost of the installation.

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Application for Disabled Parking Zone

The City of Coronado provides disabled parking zones within the public right-of-way when specific criteria are met as defined in the City’s official “Warrant – Blue Curb Zones” policy. Applications for the installation of a blue curb zone in front of a residential property must be accompanied by appropriate documentation as described in the warrant, addressing the following:

- Proof that the subject location is the applicant’s primary residence
- Proof of appropriate driver’s license, vehicle registration, and valid disabled parking plate, placard, or sticker for the applicant or guardian
- Doctor’s note confirming applicant’s limited mobility

In addition to providing the above documentation, applicants must complete the following:

As applicant for a disabled parking zone adjacent to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Street Address)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalty of perjury, the following:  
(Print Applicant Name)

- 1) I acknowledge that it is the City of Coronado’s intent to only provide residential disabled parking spaces for residents occupying a property for the majority of a calendar year. By signing this application, I am declaring my intent to occupy the above-stated residence for at least six (6) of the next twelve (12) months.

I also acknowledge the following:

- 2) That, should my application be approved, the resulting disabled parking zone is not reserved solely for me and can be utilized by anyone with the appropriate disabled parking placard.
- 3) That I will be responsible for paying the current fee for the installation, and ultimate removal, of the disabled parking zone curb markings and signage.
- 4) That I will be asked by the City of Coronado to provide evidence on an annual basis that I, or my guardian, still have a vehicle and appropriate placard to utilize the disabled parking zone, and that I intend to occupy the property for at least six (6) of the following twelve (12) months.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date