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## Disabled Parking in Portland: pay to park rules take effect July 1, 2014

## Improving Access for All:

The City of Portland strives to balance the needs of our diverse community by preserving accessible parking for persons with disabilities and creating better opportunities for short-term parking in the metered areas of Portland. To increase the accessibility of short-term parking, the City has adopted new policies for people using state-issued Disabled Person Parking Permits. The new Disabled Parking Program takes effect July 1, 2014 in downtown and other neighborhoods with parking meters. These areas are called metered districts [link to map]. The new program extends parking meter times for disabled parking permit holders and adds 30 Wheelchair User and 50 Disabled Parking Person Permit reserved parking spaces throughout the metered districts.

## Who is Affected:

The new guidelines apply to both types of DMV Disabled Parking Permits: Disabled Person Parking Permits and Wheelchair User Permits. Wheelchair User permits can be distinguished from Disabled Person Parking Permits by the large white "W" in the upper right-hand corner by the wheelchair insignia, the words "Wheelchair User" on the lower portion of the permit, and the light blue color of the placard. Here are examples, for reference:



**Disabled Person Parking Permit** 



Wheelchair User Permit

To find out how the new rules affect you, click on one of the following links:

- 1) I have a Wheelchair User Permit (http://portlandoregon.gov#wheelchair)
- 2) I have a Disabled Person Parking Permit (http://portlandoregon.gov#disabledperson)
- 3) I live in a neighborhood with parking meters

(http://portlandoregon.gov#disabledparking)4) I work in a neighborhood with parking meters (http://portlandoregon.gov#workinaneighborhood)

1) (http://portlandoregon.gov)I have a Wheelchair User Parking Permit

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You can park without payment at parking spaces marked for 30 minutes or longer if you have a state-issued Wheelchair User Disabled Person Parking Permit.

You may also park at any of the 30 new parking spaces reserved for people with state-issued Wheelchair User permits. Most of these spaces will have right-side loading.

2) (http://portlandoregon.gov)I have a Disabled Person Parking Permit

If you wish to park at a one to two hour meter, you must first pay for the metered time. However, you may park up to three hours at no extra charge. (Refer to the chart below for examples.)

On blocks with meters that allow over three hours of parking, you would pay for the amount of parking you need within the designated timeframe. (Refer to the chart below for examples.)

Meter Slot:	Pay up to:	Stay up to:
15 Minutes	Time Limit	15 Minutes
1 Hour	1 Hour	3 Hours
90 Minutes	90 Minutes	3 Hours
2 Hour	2 Hours	3 Hours
3 Hour	3 Hours	3 Hours
5 Hour	Actual Time Used	Actual Time Used
11 Hour	Actual Time Used	Actual Time Used

If you are unable to operate the meters or require on-street parking for times longer than three hours or the posted time limit, the City will offer alternative payment options. Options include a scratch-off card where you can set the time you need and display the card on your dashboard. For more information on this option and others that are under development, please contact disabled.parking@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-5195 ext. 3.

You may also park at any of the 50 new parking spaces the City is establishing and reserving for people with Disabled Person Parking Permits. Meter rates apply.

3) (http://portlandoregon.gov)I live in a neighborhood with parking meters.

You may be eligible for a separate on-street permit. To be eligible, permit holders must document the impracticality of public transit and unavailability of private parking.

Applications for residential permits are available here.

If you live in subsidized housing without parking within a neighborhood with meters, a free permit will be available that allows on-street parking without payment through June 30, 2015. Fill out the application for a residential permit.

If you live in a neighborhood with parking meters and existing parking garages do not meed your needs, you may be eligible for a permit that would allow you to park on the street. You will be asked to provide proof of residence when you submit your application (for example, a credit card or utility bill that contains the applicant's name and address).

Permit prices are to be determined.

The permit will only be valid within a three-block radius of your residence. (Refer to the example below.)



(http://portlandoregon.gov)4. I work in a neighborhood with parking meters.

Applications for employee permits are available here.

You may be eligible for a permit that allows you to park on the street. This permit is specifically for employment access for people who cannot reasonably use public transportation, are not provided parking by their employer, and for whom existing parking garages do not meet their needs. Employees are asked to provide proof of employment along with your application (for example, a pay stub or letter from the employer verifying employment).

Permit prices are to be determined.

The employee permit will only be valid within a three-block radius of your place of employment. (Refer to the example below.)



For additional information:

Please contact us at disabled.parking@portlandoregon.gov (http://portlandoregon.govmailto:Disabled.parking@portlandoregon.gov) or 503.823.5195 ext. 3.

To apply for a Disabled Person Parking Permit with the Oregon DMV (http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/driverid/disparking.aspx), applicants must:

Have a valid Oregon Driver License or an Identification Card;

Complete the Parking Permit for an Individual with a Disability application including a licensed physician's signature; and Submit the completed application in person at a DMV office or by mail (depending upon the specific instructions listed on the Oregon DMV website for each type of permit) to:

DMV Driver Issuance Unit 1905 Lana Ave NE Salem, OR 97314

Additional resources:

December 2013 City Council passed a resolution adopting the new disabled parking policy. View the staff recommendation here. (http://portlandoregon.gov/novick/article/471886)

Disabled Parking Program Resolution (http://portlandoregon.govarticle/489815) Click here to download a copy of the Disabled Parking Program Resolution.

Permit Pricing Map (http://portlandoregon.govarticle/489814) Click here to download a copy of the Permit Pricing Map.

ADA Permit Parking Application (http://portlandoregon.govarticle/489448) Click here to download a copy of the ADA Permit Parking Application. Disabled Parking in Portland: pay to park rules take effect July 1, 2014 | The City of Portl... Page 5 of 5 186575

SmartPark Garages (http://portlandoregon.govarticle/489171) Refer to this website for more information about these City-owned downtown parking garages.

The Disabled Parking Task Force (http://portlandoregon.govarticle/489170) Members, meeting notes, contacts and other information.