

The City of Salinas
Blue Curb Markings on Residential Streets Policy

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The City of Salinas is committed to providing facilities that improve accessibility for disabled members of the community, while also being sensitive to parking impacts in neighborhoods. Under California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 21458(a)(5), blue curb markings may be installed on a city street to designate parking space for the sole use of vehicles bearing a special handicap license plate or displaying an appropriate placard. It is important to note that the installation of blue curb markings decreases the amount of available on-street in residential neighborhoods where there may be high parking demand.

Residents may submit an application to the City for the installation of a blue curb markings on their street. In an effort to be fair and consistent with each request the City has developed this policy with uniform criteria for considering when to install blue curb markings on residential streets. More specifically, this policy is intended to ensure the applicant has a valid permanent disabled persons placard, and that the private residence lacks an adequate driveway.

I. Application

In order to receive consideration under this policy, an applicant must submit a complete application form to the City of Salinas Public Works Department, ATTN: Traffic and Transportation Division, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas, California 93901.

II. Criteria

Effective on the adoption of this policy, requests for blue curb markings in single-family residential streets shall be subject to the following criteria:

1. A Complete Signed Application and Waiver Liability Form:

An applicant must submit a complete Special Parking Restrictions Requests Form with a signed liability waiver. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant with notes for correction. If an applicant fails to complete the application the request will be denied.

2. Proof of a permanent disabled placard:

Applicant must possess a valid State issued permanent disable plate or placard. Proof can be provided by submitting a copy of supporting documentation issued by the DMV. Temporary disability placards are not eligible for the installation of a blue curb markings.

3. Proof of Residence:

This criterion requires that the applicant demonstrate they are a resident of the requested address. The address must be a single-family residence. Proof can be provided by submitting a copy a utility bill, state issued ID, or rental agreement. If the applicant is a renter, the owner must also provide a letter of concurrence with the request.

4. Description of the Situation that validates the need.

This criterion requires that the applicant describe the situation. The applicant will demonstrate that all other options for off-street parking have been exhausted. Locations with driveways over fourteen (14) feet wide shall not be eligible for blue curb markings under this policy.

III. **Consideration**

The City Engineer will approve or deny a request for on-street accessible parking based on the information gathered during the evaluation process. The City Engineer, at his or her discretion, may examine other considerations not part of this Policy's criteria. Results of these considerations may become the basis to approve or deny the request. The decision of the City Engineer is final unless appealed to the Traffic and Transportation Commission. If the request for on-street accessible parking is approved by the City Engineer, staff will mail a letter to all residents on the block to inform them of the installation.

IV. **Appeals**

A decision to approve or deny the request may be appealed to the Traffic and Transportation Commission. The applicant or a neighboring resident on the street may appeal the decision. Residents will have twenty-eight (28) calendar days to appeal the decision to the Traffic and Transportation Commission following mailing of the notification to neighbors.

Submitted appeals shall:

1. Be in writing and addresses to the City of Salinas Traffic and Transportation Commission;
2. Provide grounds for the appeal specifying how the decision is not in alignment with this policy; and
3. Include a recommended alternative action.

V. **Installation**

Following the twenty-eight (28) day appeals period, if approved, a high-priority service request for installation will be issued so that the space can be installed as soon as possible, pending weather delays and work crew availability. The limits of the blue curb markings will be marked in the field by Public Works staff for proper installation.

VI. **Annual Renewal**

The City will schedule annual maintenance of the blue curb markings following an annual renewal confirmation from the applicant. The City will mail notices to the

applicant beginning in May of each year to determine if the applicant wishes to maintain the curb markings and requesting confirmation. A series of 3 notices will be issued to the applicant and if no response is received by June 30th, the curb markings will be scheduled for removal. If the applicant renews the curb markings, public works crews will refresh the blue curb markings by September 30th.

VII. **Removal**

The City Engineer, at his or her discretion, may remove any Disabled (Blue) Parking Zone if they determine it is no longer needed (e.g., when resident has moved, when the situation no longer meets the above criteria, etc.). Following the decision to remove curb markings, the City will mail notices to surrounding area, and residents will have a twenty-eight (28) day appeals period days to appeal the decision to the Traffic and Transportation Commission.