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### **Accessible Parking Zone**

This is in response to your inquiry for an accessible (blue curb) parking zone (APZ.) On January 24, 2017 the Los Angeles City Council adopted the Phase 1 Program for APZs. The Phase 1 Program generally restricts the placement of APZ's to corner locations to serve the entire block. Any necessary improvements will be included in the City's Sidewalk Repair Program for design and construction. City Departments will report back to the City Council in six months on Phase 1 regarding eligibility, feasibility, prioritization and construction costs for APZs.

Residents and businesses may submit a request for an APZ investigation for corner locations. City Departments will review these locations for feasibility pursuant to Federal and State accessibility guidelines. Federal and State guidelines require APZ's to be accessible to mobility devices such as wheelchairs. Attached is a Fact Sheet regarding some APZ placement guidelines.

To request an APZ investigation at a corner location, please return the attached request form to the Department on Disability. If you have any questions, please contact the Department on Disability at 213-202-2685 or Mary Gligorov-Meeker from the Department of Transportation at 213-700-5091.

Attachment

c: Department on Disability, [dod.bc@lacity.org](mailto:dod.bc@lacity.org)  
LADOT District

To: Department on Disability  
201 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 100  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Email: dod.bc@lacity.org

**Request for Accessible Parking (Blue Curb) Zone Investigation**

I request an accessible parking zone investigation at the corner near the following address:

I understand that any person with a DMV issued placard or plate card may use an on-street accessible parking zone.

I understand that before the City approves this request, an investigation will be initiated to consider site conditions, mobility barriers, constraints or impediments for streets width, street slopes, traffic circulation, and much more.

I understand that the City may have to improve the conditions of the corner curb ramps, sidewalks, or remove obstructions prior to the installation of the blue paint and sign that define an APZ.

I understand that this investigation will review any existing blue curbs within the block for compliance to current standards, which may require the removal of other existing blue curbs on the block.

Optional information I would like to add:

  

- I have included a copy of the DMV placard or plate
- I have included a copy of my ACCESS ID Card

Print Name

Signature

**Please fill out the following information:**

First and last name of person needing the APZ:

Caregiver or Alternate Contact / Relationship to Requestor (if applicable):

Contact Phone:

E-mail:

## Accessible Parking Zones (APZ)-Basic Placement Facts

### APZ Principals

- No person should have to walk or wheel behind a vehicle other than their own.
- APZ's are not "personal" parking spaces and must meet State and Federal accessibility guidelines.

### Example of qualifying location for APZ



Doors can open and lifts can deploy because there are no obstructions adjacent to parking space.

Sidewalk is minimum 8' wide and goes to curb. No grass parkway.

Rear loading mobility device has room to maneuver and get to corner. No storm drain inlet to fall in.

Mobility devices can use ramp to access sidewalk.

### Challenges to placing APZ's

- Driveways
- Bus zones
- Storm drain inlets
- Roadway slope
- And more



Driveway and bus zone between corner and first parking space restrict placement of APZs.

Grass parkway, utility poles, storm water inlets, and more restrict placement of APZs.

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