Accessible Parking Requirements

Developed for businesses, architects, engineers, contractors, sign companies, and citizens to simplify and clarify accessible parking ordinances.

Accessible parking for individuals with disabilities
Requirements for employee and visitor parking lots

REQUIRED
Any facility offering parking for employees or visitors must provide accessible parking for individuals with disabilities.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE
An accessible parking space consists of a vehicle space with proper signage, and a striped access aisle with proper signage. The entire space must be kept clear of obstructions at all times, including ice, snow, shopping carts, trash cans, potted plants, seasonal garden displays, bicycle racks, etc. An access aisle must be level and cannot have a curb ramp within it or a wheel stop.

LOCATION AND ROUTE
Accessible parking spaces must be located on the shortest accessible route of travel to an accessible facility entrance. Where buildings have multiple accessible entrances with adjacent parking, the accessible parking spaces must be dispersed and located closest to the accessible entrances.

When accessible parking spaces are added in an existing parking lot, locate the spaces on the most-level ground close to the accessible entrance. An accessible route must always be provided from the accessible parking to the accessible entrance. An accessible route never has curbs or stairs, must be at least 3 feet wide, and has a firm, stable, slip-resistant surface. The slope along the accessible route should not be greater than 1:20 in the direction of travel. (A slope of 1:12 is acceptable with additional requirements. Contact Planning and Building Services for more details.)

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The purpose of this publication is to provide basic information on accessible parking requirements in the city of Brookings. No attempt is made to cover all ordinance requirements. The information presented is subject to change to comply with any new laws, ordinances, or policies.
Accessible parking spaces may be clustered in one or more lots if equivalent or greater accessibility is provided in terms of distance from the accessible entrance, parking fees, and convenience.

Sign Details
The bottom of the lowest sign shall be a minimum of 60 inches from the pavement. Signs may be mounted higher for better visibility. Standard and van-accessible parking space signs must state, "RESERVED PARKING" and include the Universal Symbol of Accessibility. Supplemental signage must state, "STATE PERMIT OR LICENSE REQUIRED. $100 MINIMUM FINE AND CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR FOR VIOLATORS." A van-accessible parking space must state, "VAN ACCESSIBLE." An 8-foot access aisle must state, "WHEELCHAIR ACCESS AISLE. ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING" and include the Universal Symbol of Accessibility. The appropriate sign colors are explained above.

Access Aisles and Markings
Each aisle must be part of the accessible route and shall extend the full length of the parking space they serve. The aisle must have diagonally-striped markings spaced every four feet. Boundaries of the access aisle must be marked. The end may be a squared or curved shape. Two parking spaces may share an access aisle.

Ground Surface
Parking spaces, passenger loading zones, and access aisles shall be placed on a level surface with a slope not steeper than 1:50; therefore a curb ramp cannot be placed within an access aisle.

Passenger Loading Zones
Medical facilities: A passenger-loading zone must be provided at an accessible entrance to medical and long-term care facilities where people receive physical or medical treatment or care and where the period of stay exceeds 24 hours. At least one accessible entrance shall feature a canopy. Valet Parking: A passenger-loading zone must be provided at valet parking services.

Other Requirements
All parking spaces must be hard-surfaced. All spaces must be marked by paint or other approved marking device upon the surface. Surface runoff must be controlled. Parking spaces bordering a sidewalk must provide some type of wheelchair, curb, bumper blocks, etc. Parking lots must be maintained in an orderly manner, as free as possible from snow and ice. All signs, markings, and surfacing must be neat and in good condition.