

Handicap Parking Space Application

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Reason for disabled space:

When did disability start?

Medical information to be filled out by physician

Medical reasons for disabled parking:

Is disability permanent? If not, prognosis for termination of handicap status.

Physician's name, address & telephone number

Physician signature:

Note: By filling out and submitting this application, the applicant authorizes physician who signed the application to answer any questions the investigating committee may have about the disability. Medical information obtained by the investigating committee will remain confidential.

POLICY STATEMENT

I. It is the wish of the Schuylkill Haven Borough Council that a handicapped parking space be granted to genuinely handicapped citizens of the borough.

II. This policy uses as its guide the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act (43 P.S. Section 951-963) which sets forth definitions and the standards for receiving a handicapped license plate and placard. The policy also attempts to address some of the problems which occurred in the past and caused strains within the community.

III. Definitions:

1. "Handicapped person" - is a person who has a physical impairment which substantially limits their mobility and who has a record of such impairment.

2. "Physical impairment" - means a physiological disorder or condition, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: neurological, musculoskeletal, respiratory, or cardiovascular.

3. "Is regarded as having a record of such an impairment" - means has a history of or has been classified as having a physical impairment that substantially limits ones mobility.

IV. **POLICY STATEMENT:** It is the intent of Council to allow for a single temporary handicapped parking space in front of the home of the person with a handicap or as close as feasible to that home. The person with a handicap must meet the following criteria and the case must come before Council in a public session. The request will then be referred to the Police Department for a timely investigation of the claim. It will be the responsibility of the Police Department to ensure the criteria for granting of a handicapped space. The Police will make a recommendation to Council on whether to grant or reject the application for a space by the next month's regular council meeting. Council will then act on the request using the recommendation of the Police. It will be understood that the handicapped parking space can be used by anyone with a handicapped license plate and cannot be solely designated for a specific person. An initial fee of \$100 will be charge, upon approval, to cover cost of labor and materials in placing of handicapped sign and costs of Police investigation. There will be an annual renewal fee of \$10 at which time the Police will re-check the space to ensure the requirements are still met and the handicapped person is still residing at the address.

V. Requirements for consideration of a handicapped parking space:

1. The applicant must be a "handicapped person" as defined in section III above.

2. The applicant must fill out a handicapped parking space application and have a physician licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania complete the medical

information portion of the application. By submitting the application, the applicant authorizes the physician who signed the application to answer any questions the investigating officer may have about the disability.

3. The applicant must have a vehicle with a handicapped license plate(not placard)
4. The street on which the space is to be place must be measured to identify parking spaces. This will ensure optimum use of all parking spaces.

VI. Criteria for denial of handicapped space:

1. A handicapped parking space will be denied if off street parking is available.
2. The handicapped parking space is for a person experiencing extreme difficulty in mobility, not simply a matter of convenience.
3. A handicapped parking space can be denied if it is determined that a neighborhood cannot support the restriction of designated spaces. In a congested parking neighborhood, designating one or more spaces would place other residents in the neighborhood in a parking hardship of their own.

VII. Procedure to bring case before Council:

1. The handicapped person, or the designated representative, must obtain an application, have the required information completed, and return the application to Borough Hall at least 10 days prior to the next Council meeting.
2. The application will be presented to Council at their monthly meeting. It will then be referred to the Police for investigating and a recommendation by the next month's meeting.
3. After recieving the recommendation from the Police, Council will approve or disapprove the application. Upon approval, the space will not be officially recognized until the \$100 fee is paid.