

# AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING HANDICAPPED PARKING

BE IT ORDAINED By the Town Council of the Town of Plainville in meeting duly assembled:

**SECTION 1. APPLICABILITY.** This ordinance shall apply to all new and existing nonresidential sites that have a parking area for twenty (20) or more vehicles, including but not limited to shopping centers, office buildings, commercial buildings, mercantile buildings, warehouses, storage buildings, manufacturing buildings, convalescent homes, schools and public buildings.

## **SECTION 2. USE OF SPECIALLY DESIGNATED SPACES.**

After establishment of specially marked parking spaces for handicapped persons, no person shall park a motor vehicle in such space unless a handicapped person is either a passenger or occupant of the vehicle, and the vehicle contains a designation issued by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicle, pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, which designation shall be visible as per the Connecticut General Statutes, or an official handicapped designation issued by any other state, district or territory subject to the laws of the United States of America shall be recognized as acceptable identification in the Town of Plainville.

**SECTION 3. NUMBER OF SPACES TO BE PROVIDED. LOCATION.** (a) On each site having parking spaces for at least twenty (20) but not more than twenty-five (25) vehicles, at least one (1) space shall be specially designated and reserved for handicapped parking.

Additional spaces for handicapped parking shall be in accordance with the following table:

<u>Total parking on site</u>	<u>Required number of handicapped parking spaces</u>
26 – 50	2
51 – 75	3
76 – 100	4
101 – 150	5

151 – 200	6
201 – 300	7
301 – 400	8
401 – 500	9
501 – 1000	2% of total
Over 1000	20 plus 1 for each 100 over 1000

(b) Parking spaces for the handicapped shall be located as close as possible to elevators, ramps, walkways and entrances, and so located that the handicapped person is not compelled to wheel or walk behind parked vehicles to reach entrances, ramps, walkways and elevators. Also, parking spaces shall be adjacent to curb cuts or other unobstructed methods permitting sidewalk access to a handicapped person.

**SECTION 4. MARKING OF SPACES.** Each such space designated for handicapped parking shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway, and shall be not less than fifteen (15') feet in width, including three (3') feet of cross hatch, unless the same would create a non-conforming condition, in which event the existing parking stall width shall be permitted or shall be parallel to the sidewalk. Each space shall be designated by an above grade sign with white lettering against a blue background and shall bear the words "HANDICAPPED PARKING STATE PERMIT REQUIRED" and "VIOLATORS WILL BE FINED." Such sign shall also bear the international symbol of access. Such signs shall be erected, installed, maintained, by and at the expense of the owner, operator, lessee, or tenant of said site. If the sign and markings called for herein are not installed within thirty (30) days after written request by the Town Council or its designee, the Town may proceed to install the same and impose the costs thereof against the owner of the site.

**SECTION 5. PENALTY.** Whenever any vehicle shall be found parked in violation of this regulation, any Plainville police officer may issue a ticket for such violation, which ticket shall provide for a fine of Fifty and 00/100 (\$50.00) Dollars payable to the Town of Plainville and remitted to the Plainville Police Department within fifteen (15) days, of the ticket date. If any fine is not paid within fifteen (15) days, a penalty in an amount equal to the fine shall

immediately become due and payable in addition to the original fine and a warrant may be issued for the arrest of the violator.

**SECTION 6. OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR VIOLATIONS.** The registered owner of any vehicle parked in violation of this ordinance shall be presumed to be the operator at the time of the violation.

**SECTION 7. ENFORCEMENT.** (a) For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this ordinance, tickets may be issued by any persons authorized to issue tickets, summons or infractions under the authority of the Connecticut General Statutes or the Charter of the Town of Plainville.

(b) The adoption of this ordinance shall not preclude the enforcement, by properly authorized officials, of like provisions for the Connecticut General Statutes.

**SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable, and the invalidity of any portion thereof shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

Adopted by Town Council December 17, 1984

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