



Parking Permits for Disabled Persons

in the City of Hamilton

Introduction

The City's permit parking program can be used to provide disabled residents with convenient on-street parking near their residence in cases where off-street parking is not available. Hamilton Municipal Parking System (HMPS) can provide an eligible applicant with a single "No Parking Except by Permit" parking space, near their home and issue a permit to the applicant.

How do I apply for an Accessible Parking Permit parking space?

You or your agent will need to come into the office with your Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) Accessible Parking Permit and the vehicle registration in order to complete your application for an on-street parking space.

Is there any cost to have an on-street "permit parking" space provided near my home?

There is no cost to the eligible applicant for the permit parking space.

What is the cost for a parking permit?

Parking permits are issued at no cost to the eligible applicant, except when permit parking applies to the entire street.



How do I know if I'm eligible to apply for a single permit parking space and a permit?

To be eligible to apply for a single permit parking space and the parking permit you must:

- Hold a MTO Accessible Parking Permit, valid for a period of no less than 7 months
- Provide proof that the vehicle to which the City issued parking permit will be affixed is registered to your address, either in your name or in the name of another person residing at your address
- Be the operator of the vehicle for which the City parking permit is issued or rely upon another person in your household for transportation who operates the vehicle for which the City parking permit is issued
- Have no suitable off-street parking available
- Reside in a one, two or three family residence

Are permit parking spaces available on all streets in the City of Hamilton?

Permit parking spaces cannot be installed in conflict with other parking regulations. Contact the Hamilton Municipal Parking System to check if there are any conflicting parking regulations for your street.

What happens once my permit parking is approved?

Once your City permit parking space is approved, your permit will be mailed to you and signs identifying the permit parking space will be installed. To avoid a parking ticket when parking in the permit parking space, be sure to affix the City of Hamilton parking permit facing outward from the inside of the windshield on the driver's side with the bottom of the permit approximately 8 cm to 15 cm (3" to 6") above the dashboard.



What happens to my permit parking if I move?

Once you know your new address, call HMPS and staff will investigate having a new permit parking space installed near your new residence and the old permit parking space will be removed.

What if I don't have enough room in front of my house to park a vehicle, can I use part of my neighbour's frontage?

Yes, as long as the neighbour signs a letter of consent. The letter of consent can be obtained from the Hamilton Municipal Parking System office.

When does my parking permit expire?

Your City of Hamilton parking permit must be renewed on or before January 1st each year.

I live on a street that has "alternate side parking" can I get a space on the opposite side of the street as well?

Yes, as long as a neighbour across the street signs a letter of consent.

Can I get a reserved on-street parking space without an MTO Accessible Parking Permit?

No, you must have a valid MTO Accessible Parking Permit to be eligible for a reserved on-street parking space.

What can I do if someone is parked in my permit parking space?

To report a vehicle without a permit call HMPS' office at 905.540.6000, and a Customer Service Representative will assist you.

Are there any types of vehicles that a permit would not be issued?

Permits are not issued to vehicles if it:

- Exceeds 4500 kilograms;
- Exceeds 6.4 metres (21 ft.) in length;
- Is equipped with dual rear wheels or tandem rear axles;
- Is a tow truck;
- Is a bus, or a bus converted for other use; or
- Is not a "motor vehicle"

Can visitors use my permit parking space?

Visitor parking is not allowed in permit parking spaces.

What other information should I be aware of?

The City parking permit is for the use of the approved permit parking space only. All other parking and stopping regulations must be obeyed at all times. Permits are issued only to passenger vehicles or to commercial vehicles registered with the MTO as being for "Personal Use Only."

Where can I get a Ministry of Transportation Accessible Parking Permit?

Call the MTO at any of the offices listed below to have an application form mailed to you. Your doctor must complete and sign the application form. Applications can also be picked up at any of the following MTO offices:

Hamilton

163 Centennial Parkway North

Phone: 905.578.6603

1119 Fennell Avenue East

Phone: 905.383.0314

50 Dundurn Street South

Phone: 905.577.4100

865 Upper James Street

Phone: 905.385.3336

Dundas

17 King St. East

Phone: 905.627.0667

What does my MTO Accessible Parking Permit (blue permit) exempt me from in the City of Hamilton?

In Hamilton, the MTO Accessible Parking Permit exempts you from:

- Paying at on-street parking meters for a maximum of three hours, but not during an am or pm rush hour as indicated on the parking meters
- Paying at unattended municipal or City owned car parks
- Parking time limits on City streets

You are entitled to use any parking space on private or municipal property designated as Reserved Disabled Person Parking. Payment may be required in some lots.

All other parking regulations must still be obeyed.



For more information contact:

Hamilton Municipal Parking System

Planning and Economic Development Department
80 Main Street West at Summers Lane
Hamilton, Ontario

Mailing Address:

77 James Street North
P.O. Box 2040 LCD1
Hamilton, Ontario, L8N 0A3

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 905.540.6000

Fax: 905.540.6001

Email: parking@hamilton.ca

Website: www.hamilton.ca/parking

All Department brochures can be found at: www.hamilton.ca/pedpublications

All Department applications can be found at: www.hamilton.ca/pedapplications



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