

Disabled Persons Parking Zones (Blue)

Blue zones provide accessible parking for the exclusive use of persons with disabilities who have a distinguishing license plate or placard on their vehicles. The plates and placards are issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles. Blue zones are typically indicated by a sign and stenciled blue curb. They are operative twenty-four hours a day, every day, unless otherwise posted.

A blue zone may be installed by formal application to provide access to a residence under the following conditions.

- Applicant is in possession of a distinguishing license plate or placard.
- On-street location provides superior access to applicant's residence than off street alternatives.
- Applicant understands that the blue zone will be available to all qualifying members of the public, and does not constitute reserved individual parking.
- Applicant pays one-time fee of \$277 for installation and maintenance.

The City of San Diego may not reserve on-street parking for individuals. Blue zones in residential areas do not constitute “personal reserved parking,” and, are available for any person with valid disabled person's license plate or placard (DP or DV). Parking in a blue zone without valid plates or placard is a violation of the [San Diego Municipal Code](#) and the [California Vehicle Code](#).

On-Street Blue zones are designated with stenciled blue curb and signage as shown below.



To request to have an engineer evaluate for a new blue zone, investigate the legality of an existing blue zone, or to report the misuse of a blue zone on a City of San Diego street please email us at TrafficOps@sandiego.gov or call us at (619) 533 3126. You may also use City of San Diego's [Get It Done](#) application.

Passenger Loading Zone (White)

“A Zone where no person shall stop, stand or park for a period of time longer than is necessary for the loading and unloading of passengers and baggage; provided that such loading or unloading shall not consume more than three (3) minutes, except in front of hotels where such loading and unloading shall not consume more than ten (10) minutes. Passenger Loading Zones shall be operative twenty-four (24) hours a day (Sundays and holidays included); unless posted otherwise”. (San Diego Municipal Code, Section 86.0105)

A white zone may be installed by formal application if the location is one of the following:

- Hotel, apartment or condominium complex, commercial building, place of public assembly such as a church, theatre, auditorium, funeral home, school, and registered hospital or convalescent home and medical offices,
- Applicant pays one-time fee of \$277 for installation and maintenance.

The City of San Diego may not reserve on-street parking for individuals. White zones do not constitute “personal reserved parking,” and, are available for loading and unloading only of passengers or for depositing mail in an adjacent mailbox. Vehicles parked in a white zone for purposes other than states above is in violation of the [San Diego Municipal Code](#) and the [California Vehicle Code](#).

On-Street white zones are designated with stenciled white curb as shown below.



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Commercial Loading Zones (Yellow)

“A zone where no person shall stop, stand or park for a period of time longer than is necessary for the loading and unloading of passengers or materials; No vehicles except motor trucks and commercial vehicles shall stop, stand or park in such zone for the purpose of loading and unloading materials, goods or merchandise. Such loading or unloading shall not consume more than three (3) minutes for passengers nor more than twenty (20) minutes for materials, goods or merchandise. Loading Zones shall be operative between 6 AM and 6 PM excepting Sundays and Holidays; unless posted otherwise”. (San Diego Municipal Code, Section 86.0119)

A yellow zone may be installed by formal application under the following conditions.

- Applicant is a business owner in need of on street parking to load/unload supplies from commercial vehicles.
- Applicant pays one-time fee of \$277 for installation and maintenance.

The City of San Diego may not reserve on-street parking for individuals. Yellow zones do not constitute “personal reserved parking,” and, are available for all commercial vehicles or motor trucks for loading and unloading of materials, good, or merchandise.

Stopping, standing, and parking in a yellow zone for reasons other than stated above is in violation of the [San Diego Municipal Code](#) and the [California Vehicle Code](#).

On-Street Yellow zones are designated with stenciled yellow curb as shown below.



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Short Term Parking Zones (Green)

Short term parking zones (green zones) provide parking for 15 minutes or 30 minutes. They are intended to create parking turnover and prevent motorists from monopolizing on-street parking all day. These zones are open to all members of the public and may or may not be regulated by parking meters. Effective hours are usually 8AM to 6PM, Monday through Saturday, unless otherwise posted.

A green zone may be installed by formal application under the following conditions.

- The approval of green zones will include but not be limited to, an assessment of the parking demand in the surrounding area, number of existing green zones nearby and the type of business applying for the green zone.
- Applicant pays one-time fee of \$277 for installation and maintenance.

The City of San Diego may not reserve on-street parking for individuals. Green zones do not constitute “personal reserved parking,” and, are available for all vehicles during the specified time limit as designated by signage and curb marking.

On-Street Green zones are designated with stenciled green curb and signage as shown below.



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No Parking Zones (Red)

Red indicates no stopping, standing, or parking whether the vehicle is attended or unattended. Buses may stop at a red zone marked for buses.

No parking zones may be installed in any area of the City where the presence of parked vehicles at the curb creates an unsafe situation for vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

No Parking zones may be indicated by red curb, by signage, or by both.

Residential Driveway Clearance Red Zone

At the request of the fronting property owner/tenant red curb can be installed on either side of a driveway to keep parked vehicles at a sufficient distance away from the driveway edges to facilitate access into and out of the driveway. Typically, driveway clearance consists of three to five feet of red paint on the curb on each side of a driveway. No vehicle may legally be parked adjacent to the red curb, including vehicles belonging to the resident of the fronting property owner.

Driveway clearance may be installed by formal application with a one-time fee of **\$277** for installation and maintenance.

Driveway clearance is designated with red curb as shown below.



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