

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-05

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING AND AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LANSFORD, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 15 “MOTOR VEHICLES”

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Lansford, the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Lansford, Chapter 15, Part 6, Ordinance No. 2014-01, “Reserved Parking for Handicapped” and also Ordinance No. 2022- may be provided is hereby being amended and enacted as follows:

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of Lansford has received numerous requests for handicapped parking spaces for its residents; and,

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of Lansford believes that it is helpful to establish procedures for the consideration of applications for handicapped parking spaces:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED THAT THE BOROUGH OF LANSFORD amends the following procedures for consideration of applications for the granting of handicapped parking spaces within the boundaries of the Borough of Lansford:

SECTION 1. Any individual requesting an on-street handicapped parking space within the Borough of Lansford shall submit a completed application to the office of the Secretary. This request shall include the following information:

- A. The name, physical address, mailing address and telephone number of the person making the request, hereinafter known as the “applicant”.
- B. The applicant shall specify his/her handicapped license plate or placard number and supply a copy of the registration for the vehicle intended to park in the designated reserved space requested.
- C. A description of the physical impairment and type of device, such as a wheelchair, crutches, a walker, etc. that is used for the purpose of applicant’s locomotion.
- D. ___ A report or letter from the applicant’s treating physician must be submitted with the application. This report or letter must specifically describe the disabling condition of the applicant.
- E. The proposed location of the handicap parking space must be specified, if different from applicant’s address. (Properties on corner lots may have two options.)
- F. The name, address and telephone number of the adjoining property owners.
- G. Any other information requested by the Borough Secretary.

SECTION 3. In determining whether to grant a request for a reserved handicapped parking space, the following criteria shall be considered:


- A. The individual so requesting the space shall be a full time resident of the Borough of Lansford.
- B. The individual so requesting the space shall exhibit proof that he/she has qualified for a disabled person's Pennsylvania license plate or disabled person's placard under the regulations issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.
- C. The applicant should be a licensed driver residing at the premises for which the space is requested except as provided hereinafter. If the applicant is paraplegic and incapable of using his/her arms and legs for locomotion and must be physically borne or carried to and from the applicant's residence in order to be placed inside the vehicle, then the applicant does not have to provide proof of being a licensed driver. There must be proof submitted from applicant's doctor in the form of a report or letter that the applicant is physically incapable of operating a motor vehicle as defined in the PA Motor Vehicle Code and for which report or letter, the applicant agrees to permit the Borough to contact the doctor to verify the condition of the applicant, if necessary.
- D. No more than one parking space shall be considered or issued to any individual within the boundaries of the Borough of Lansford.
- E. No more than one reserved handicapped parking space shall be provided per dwelling unit within the Borough of Lansford.
- F. No reserved handicapped parking space shall be provided for the location so requested if there exists a reasonably assessable and practicable off-street parking space to serve such location.
- G. No reserved handicapped parking space will be granted unless it can be demonstrated that the physical conditions giving rise to the request is reasonably expected to persist for a period of no less than six(6) consecutive months.
- H. No more than two (2) handicapped parking spaces shall be established on each side of every block unit street address at any time.
- I. The criteria set forth in this section are not conclusive criteria and any other criteria deemed applicable may also be considered.

As to all other matters, Ordinance No 2014-01 and Ordinance No 2022- are hereby ratified and this Amendment shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

ENACTED THIS 13th DAY OF December, 2023.

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF LANSFORD

by:



President

ATTEST:



Secretary

Approved this day of , 2023

Mayor