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Memorandum

TO: Lee D. Garrity, City Manager
FROM: Gregory M. Turner, Assistant City Manager
DATE: August 14, 2017
SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to On-Street Handicapped Parking Ordinance

In response to Council Member concerns about the new ordinance and its impacts on residential properties it is necessary to recommend changes to the ordinance.

Therefore, the following additional conditions are proposed to requests for on-street handicapped spaces adjacent to residential properties.

1. Requests will only be considered that are received from the adjacent property owner or from WSDOT staff when the WSDOT request is being proposed to address a traffic issue. If requested by a resident they must meet the following requirements
 - a. Be the resident of the address and provide some form of verifiable documentation.
 - b. Be in possession of a NCDMV issued handicapped placard, issued on behalf of the requester.
2. A maximum of one half of the frontage of the adjacent property may be considered for on-street handicapped parking. (some areas reviewed limit the maximum spaces on a block to 20% of the total parking spaces)
3. Handicapped zones in these residential areas will be re-evaluated every 2 years to determine if they are still required.
4. Garage Specifications.
 - a. If the applicant owns a lift-equipped van, the applicant must have either no garage or a garage interior width that is less than seventeen (17) feet;
 - b. If the applicant owns a passenger vehicle, the applicant must have either no garage or a garage interior width less than fourteen (14) feet.
5. Driveway Specifications.
 - a. If the applicant owns a lift-equipped van, the applicant must have either no driveway or a driveway width less than seventeen (17) feet, or the slope of the driveway must be greater than one-fourth inch per foot;
 - b. If the applicant owns a passenger vehicle, the applicant must have either no driveway or a driveway width less than fourteen (14) feet, or the slope of the driveway must be greater than one-fourth inch per foot.
6. There must also be a sufficient need for designated on-street parking by the requestor as determined by WSDOT, taking into consideration any corresponding shortage of available or vacant on-street parking spaces. Any misuse of a disabled parking space shall result in the removal of the space.

If these changes are acceptable to the Council Public Works Committee we will make the necessary changes to the ordinance and bring it forward for full Council consideration.

In response to the question about potential impacts this policy may have, staff can only expect that everyone with a handicapped placard would be eligible to ask for handicapped spaces at their residence. Staff does not have data on the number of handicapped placards issued by the state.