

APPENDIX B HANDICAPPED PARKING STANDARDS**EXCERPT FROM TITLE 24,
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
ACCESSIBLE PARKING**

Section 3107A. (a) Accessible Parking Required. 1. General. Each lot or parking structure where parking is provided for the public as clients, guests or employees, shall provide accessible parking as required by this section. Accessible parking spaces serving a particular building shall be located on the shortest accessible route of travel from adjacent parking to an accessible entrance. In parking facilities that do not serve a particular building, accessible parking shall be located on the shortest accessible route of travel to an accessible pedestrian entrance of the parking facility. In buildings with multiple accessible entrances with adjacent parking, accessible parking spaces shall be dispersed and located closest to the accessible entrances. Table No. 31A establishes the number of accessible parking spaces required.

EXCEPTION: This subsection shall not apply to existing facilities where compliance with local ordinances precludes satisfying the above requirements or of providing equivalent facilitation unless a change of occupancy occurs.

3107A (a) 2. Less than five spaces. When less than five parking spaces are provided at buildings and facilities subject to these regulations, one shall be 14 feet wide and lined to provide a 9-foot parking area and a 5-foot loading and unloading area. However, there is no requirement that the space be reserved exclusively or identified for use by persons with disabilities only.

3107A (a) 3. Medical care outpatient facilities. At facilities providing medical care and other services for persons with mobility impairments, parking spaces complying with this section shall be provided in accordance with Table No. 31A except as follows:

A. Outpatient units and facilities: 10 percent of the total number of parking spaces provided serving each such outpatient unit or facility;

B. Units and facilities that specialize in treatment or services for persons with mobility impairments: 20 percent of the total number of parking spaces provided serving each such unit or facility.

3107A (b). Parking Space Size. Accessible parking spaces shall be located as near as practical to a primary entrance and shall be sized as follows:

1. Where single spaces are provided, they shall be 14 feet wide and outlined to provide a 9-foot parking area and a 5-foot loading and unloading access aisle on the passenger side of the vehicle. When more than one space is provided in lieu of providing a 14-foot-wide space for each parking space, two spaces can be provided within a 23-foot-wide area lined to provide a 9-foot parking area on each side of a 5-foot loading and unloading access aisle in the center. The minimum length of each parking space shall be 18 feet. See Figure No. 31-18A.

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2. One in every eight accessible spaces, but not less than one, shall be served by an access aisle 96 inches wide minimum and shall be designated van accessible as required by Section 3107A (c). All such spaces may be grouped on one level of a parking structure.

3. Arrangement of parking space. In each parking area, a bumper or curb shall be provided and located to prevent encroachment of cars over the required width of walkways. Also, the space shall be so located that persons with disabilities are not compelled to wheel or walk behind parked cars other than their own. Pedestrian ways which are accessible to people with disabilities shall be provided from each such parking space to related facilities, including curb cuts or ramps as needed. Ramps shall not encroach into any parking space.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Ramps located at the front of accessible parking spaces may encroach into the length of such spaces when such encroachment does not limit the capability of a person with a disability to leave or enter their vehicle, thus providing equivalent facilitation. See Figures 31-18A through C.

2. Where the enforcing agency determines that compliance with any regulation of this subsection would create an unreasonable hardship, a variance or waiver may be granted when equivalent facilitation is provided.

3. Parking spaces may be provided which would require a person with a disability to wheel or walk behind other than accessible parking spaces when the enforcing agency determines that compliance with these regulations or providing equivalent facilitation would create an unreasonable hardship.

NOTE: See Section 110 10D.

4. Slope of parking space. Surface slopes of accessible parking spaces shall be the minimum possible and shall not exceed 1/4 inch per foot (2.083 percent gradient) in any direction.

3107A (c) Identification of Parking Spaces for Off-Street Parking Facilities. Each parking space reserved for persons with physical disabilities shall be identified by a reflectorized sign permanently posted immediately adjacent to and visible from each stall or space, consisting of a profile view of a wheelchair with occupant in white on dark blue background. The sign shall not be smaller than 70 square inches in area and, when in a path of travel, shall be posted at a minimum height of 80 inches from the bottom of the sign to the parking space finished grade. Signs may also be centered on the wall at the interior end of the parking space at a minimum height of 36 inches from the parking space finished grade, ground or sidewalk. Spaces complying with Section 3107A (b) 2 shall have an additional sign stating "Van-Accessible" mounted below the symbol of accessibility.

An additional sign shall also be posted in a conspicuous place at each entrance to off-street parking facilities, or immediately adjacent to and visible from each stall or space. The sign shall not be less than 17 inches by 22 inches in size with lettering not less than 1 inch in height, which clearly and conspicuously states the following:

"Unauthorized vehicles parked in designated accessible spaces not displaying distinguishing placards or license plates issued for persons with disabilities may be towed away at owner's expense. Towed vehicles may be reclaimed at _____ or by telephoning _____."

Blank spaces are to be filled in with appropriate information as a permanent part of the sign.

In addition to the above requirements, the surface of each accessible parking space or stall shall have a surface identification duplicating either of the following schemes:

1. By outlining or painting the stall or space in blue and outlining on the ground in the stall or space in white or suitable contrasting color a profile view depicting a wheelchair with occupant; or
2. By outlining a profile view of a wheelchair with occupant in white on blue background. The profile view shall be located so that it is visible to a traffic enforcement officer when a vehicle is properly parked in the space and shall be 36 inches high by 36 inches wide. See Figures Nos. 31-18A through C.

3107A (d) Parking Structures. All entrances to and vertical clearances within parking structures shall have a minimum vertical clearance of 8 feet 2 inches where required for accessibility to accessible parking spaces.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Where the enforcing agency determines that compliance with Section 3107A (d) would create an unreasonable hardship, an exception may be granted when equivalent facilitation is provided.

2. This section shall not apply to existing buildings where the enforcing agency determines that, due to legal or physical constraints, compliance with these regulations or equivalent facilitation would create an unreasonable hardship. See Section 110 10D.

Passenger Drop-off and Loading Zones

Section 3108A. (a) Location. When provided, passenger drop-off and loading zones shall be located on accessible route of travel.

Section 3108A (b) Passenger Loading Zones. 1. General. Where provided, one passenger drop-off and loading zone shall provide an access aisle at least 60 inches wide and 20 feet long adjacent and parallel to the vehicle pull-up space. Such zones shall be located on a surface with a slope not exceeding 1 vertical in 50 horizontal. If there are curbs between the access aisle and the vehicle pull-up space, a curb ramp shall be provided.

3108A (c). Valet Parking. Valet parking facilities shall provide a passenger loading zone complying with Subsection (b) above and shall be located on an accessible route to the entrance of the facility. The parking space requirements of Section 3107A apply to facilities with valet parking.

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TABLE NO. 31A - SPACES REQUIRED

The following table establishes the number of accessible parking space required:

Total Number of Parking Spaces in Lot or Garage	Minimum Required Number of Spaces
1-25	1
26-50	2
51-75	3
76-100	4
101-150	5
151-200	6
201-300	7
301-400	8
401-500	9
500-1,000	2% of total
1,000 or more	20 plus 1/1,000 or fraction thereof