

# ACCESSIBLE PARKING

## INFORMATION FOR FARGO BUSINESS OWNERS

North Dakota and Minnesota state law as well as Fargo & Moorhead City Ordinances require any facility offering parking for employees or visitors to provide accessible parking for individuals with disabilities.

### DEFINITION

An accessible parking space consists of a vehicle space with **proper signage, and a striped access aisle**. The entire space must be kept clear of obstructions at all times, including ice, snow, shopping carts, trash cans, potted racks, seasonal garden displays, bicycle racks, etc.

### Is MY business required to comply with accessible parking requirements?

**YES!** If you own, operate or lease a business that serves the public, you are required to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which mandates removal of “physical barriers” that are “readily achievable.” This includes having proper accessible parking signage and parking lot striping.

### SIZE

Standard accessible parking spaces must be a minimum of 96 inches wide with a minimum 60-inch wide aisle adjacent to it. Van parking spaces shall be permitted to be 96 inches minimum in width *only if* the adjacent aisle is increased to 96 inches as well; otherwise van accessible parking spaces must be kept at a minimum 132 inches wide and adjacent to the standard 60-inch aisle.

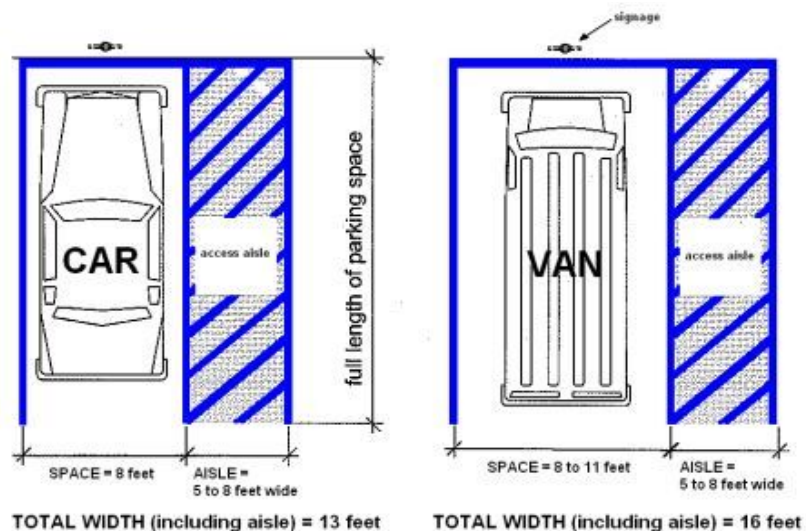
### APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

Section 8-1003(K) of the Fargo City Ordinances regulates parking in spaces designated for mobility-impaired persons. Unauthorized parking in a space designated for mobility-impaired persons carries a **\$100 fee**.

**An entity that fails to comply with signage and pavement markings is guilty of an infraction (\$500 fine) if the entity does not correct such violations within sixty (60) days after receiving official notice thereof. Fargo’s ordinance follows state law. See N.D.C.C. 39-01-15(9), 39-01-15(10), and 39-01-15(12).**

### SIGN DETAILS

The bottom of the lowest sign shall be a **minimum of 60 inches above the pavement**. Signs may be mounted higher for better visibility. Standard and van-accessible parking space signs must state, “RESERVED PARKING” and include the Universal Symbol of Accessibility. Supplemental signage must state, “UNAUTHORIZED PARKING MANDATES \$100 FEE”. A van-accessible parking space required and additional sign stating, “VAN ACCESSIBLE”. (See Above Figure).



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**LOCATION AND ROUTE**

Accessible parking spaces must be located on the **shortest accessible route of travel** to an accessible facility entrance. Where buildings have multiple accessible entrances with adjacent parking, the accessible parking spaces must be dispersed and located closest to the accessible entrances. An accessible route never has curbs or stairs, must be at least 5 feet wide, and has a firm, stable, slip-resistant surface. The slope along the accessible route should not be greater than 1:12 in the direction of travel.

**PARKING LOT STRIPING**

When a business re-stripes a parking lot, it must provide accessible parking spaces as required by the ADA Standards for Accessible Design. In addition, businesses or privately owned facilities that provide goods or services to the public have a continuing ADA obligation to remove barriers to access in existing parking lots when it is readily achievable to do so. **In the state of North Dakota, accessible parking spaces must be designated with blue paint.**

**How can my business comply with accessible parking requirements?**

The following Chamber-member sign companies are ready to help with your accessible parking needs, most offering up to a 10% discount if you can identify yourself as a Chamber-member business and mention this letter.

3D Specialties.....701-293-8599  
 Custom Graphics Signs & Design.....701 -237-5685  
 Fargo Sign & Graphics.....701-306-2066  
 FedEx Office Print & Ship Center.....701-235-3411  
 FRS Industries.....701-235-5347  
 Indigo Signworks.....701-297-9696

Mathison’s Express Press Graphics.....701-232-8971  
 Office Sign Company.....701-526-3835  
 SignARama.....701-478-7900  
 Sign Pro of Fargo.....701-461-7309  
 Sir Speedy.....701-298-9898

HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR TOTAL REQUIRED ACCESSIBLE PARKING			
Amount of Regular Parking Provided in Facility’s Lot	Standard Accessible Parking Spaces	Van Accessible Parking Spaces	Minimum Required Accessible Parking Spaces
1 to 25	0	1	1
26 to 50	1	1	2
51 to 75	2	1	3
76 to 100	3	1	4
100 to 150	4	1	5
151 to 200	5	1	6
201 to 300	5	2	7
301 to 400	6	2	8
401 to 500	7	2	9
501 to 1000		1 per 6 accessible	2% of total reg. parking
1001 and over		1 per 6 accessible	20 plus 1 for each 100 over 1000

**TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:**

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 PO Box 162  
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 200 3<sup>rd</sup> Street North  
 Fargo ND 58102  
 701.241.1561