

## **INFORMATION PACKET # 5**

### **ORIGINAL FLORIDA DISABLED PERSON PARKING PERMIT**

This packet has been designed by the Palm Beach County Tax Collector to expedite your application for an original Florida Disabled Person Parking Permit.

1. A completed "Application for Disabled Person Parking Permit Placard" HSMV 83039. Please carefully read the instructions on the back of the application.
2. The applicant must have either a current Florida Driver License Number or a Florida Identification Card number issued by the Florida Division of Driver Licenses. The telephone number for information about Driver Licenses is 850-617-2000. The telephone number to make appointments is 800-303-7288.
3. Please submit a photocopy of your Florida Driver License or Florida Identification Card if you are applying by mail.

**Faxes or copies of the HSMV 83039 form are not acceptable.**

Temporary Disabled Person Parking Permit Placard may be issued for a period of up to six months.

The fee for a Temporary Disabled Person Parking Permit is \$15.00.  
There is no fee for a Permanent Disabled Person Parking Permit.

An information flyer listing the Palm Beach County Tax Collector's office hours and locations is included for your convenience.

**ANNE M. GANNON, TAX COLLECTOR  
PALM BEACH COUNTY**

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES  
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
2900 Apalachee Parkway  
Neil Kirkman Building - Tallahassee, FL 32399-0620

**APPLICATION FOR DISABLED PERSON PARKING PERMIT**

\*\*\*\*\*SUBMIT APPLICATION TO YOUR LOCAL COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE OR LICENSE PLATE AGENCY\*\*\*\*\*

Please Print/Type below

**APPLICATION BY DISABLED PERSON (See Warning Below)**

I certify that I am a person with one of the disabilities listed in section 320.0848, Florida Statutes. I further state that my physician or other certifying practitioner has completed the statement of certification below on my behalf, as required in section 320.0848, Florida Statutes.

Name of Disabled Person as printed on the Florida Driver License or Florida ID Card

Signature of Disabled Person, Parent or Guardian of Disabled Person

Date of Birth

Sex

Date Signed

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

FL Driver License or FL Identification Card Number:

(Required for permanent and temporary parking permit issuance unless exception is noted by physician below)

Disabled Persons E-mail Address

If applicable, check one of the following:

I am a frequent traveler.

I am a quadriplegic.

LONG TERM DISABILITY **PHYSICIAN/CERTIFYING PRACTITIONER 'S STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION (See Warning Below)**

PERMANENT PERMIT: This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is legally blind or is a disabled person with a permanent disability (ies) that limits or impairs his/her ability to walk 200 feet without stopping to rest. The specific disability (ies) is/are checked below:

Legally blind (this is the only disability an Optometrist can certify).

\*\*\* NOTE: "Unable to walk 200 feet" is no longer a qualifying disability, unless it is due to one of the conditions listed below (a-f). \*\*\*

a. Inability to walk without the use of or assistance from a brace, cane, crutch, prosthetic device, or other assistive device, or without assistance of another person. If the assistive device significantly restores the person's ability to walk to the extent that the person can walk without severe limitation, the person is not eligible for the exemption parking permit.

b. The need to permanently use a wheelchair.

c. Restriction by lung disease to the extent that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for 1 second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter or the person's arterial oxygen is less than 60 mm/hg on room air at rest.

d. Use of portable oxygen.

e. Restriction by cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American Heart Association.

f. Severe limitation in a person's ability to walk due to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition.

Special Exception

Severely disabled applicant applying for a permanent placard is unable to obtain a Florida driver license or identification card.

(If the Special Exception box above is checked, one of the conditions in boxes a-f must also be checked.)

TEMPORARY PERMIT: This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is a person with a temporary disability (six months or less) that limits or impairs his/her ability to walk or is temporarily sight impaired. Due to the temporary specific disability (ies) checked above, recommend a disabled person parking permit to be issued from \_\_\_\_\_ (date) through \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

**WARNING: Any person who knowingly makes a false or misleading statement in an application or certification under section 320.0848, Florida Statutes, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in section 775.082 or 775.083, F.S. The penalty is up to one year in jail or a fine of \$1,000 or both.**

Print/Type Name of Certifying Authority

Signature

Date Signed

Business Street Address

(Area Code) Telephone Number

City

State

Zip Code

Certification or License No. (Required) \_\_\_\_\_ of a Physician, Osteopathic or Podiatric Physician, Chiropractor, Optometrist, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner under the protocol of a licensed physician or a Physician Assistant licensed under Chapter 458 or 459.

LICENSED IN THE STATE OF: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print/Type

**APPLICATION BY AN ORGANIZATION (See Warning Above)**

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ provides regular transportation service to disabled persons having disabilities that limit or impair their ability to walk or are certified to be legally blind.

Number of vehicles in fleet for this purpose \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Organization's Authorized Representative

Date Signed

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

FEID NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Organizations E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**TAX COLLECTOR USE ONLY**

Agency Personnel Processing this Application

County

Agency

Date

### **PROVISIONS OF LAW:**

Section 320.0848, Florida Statutes, provides for the issuance of the disabled person parking permit. This section was amended to no longer allow the applicant to qualify because they are unable to walk 200 feet. This disability must be due to a condition listed in (a-f) on the reverse side of this form in the "Physician/Certifying Practitioner's Statement of Certification" section.

Section 316.1958, Florida Statutes, provides that motor vehicles displaying a license plate or parking permit issued to a disabled person by any other state or district subject to laws of the United States, shall be recognized as a valid plate or permit, allowing such vehicle the special parking privileges in Florida, provided such other state or district grants reciprocal recognition for disabled residents of this state. All of the United States has agreed to reciprocate.

### **RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

Submit a copy of the registration for your expiring parking permit, along with the appropriate fees, by mail or in person to the tax collector's office or license plate agency in the county where you live.

Contact your local county tax collector's office or license plate agency for fee information.

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. The form HSMV 83039 must be accurately completed, including the "Physician/Certifying Practitioner's Statement of Certification" section, verifying the disability. See list below for acceptable "certifying authorities."
2. A Florida driver license number or Florida identification number is required unless the authorized physician certifies that the applicant's disability is too severe to visit or be transported to an office to obtain a driver's license or identification card.
3. Fees: There is no charge for a Permanent Parking Placard. A Temporary Parking Placard is \$15.  
**Note:** If a second Temporary Parking Placard is required within one year of the initial Temporary Parking Placard, there will be no charge. If a second Temporary Parking Placard is required outside the one year issuance, a fee of \$15 would be required.

### **CERTIFYING AUTHORITIES:**

The "**Physician/Certifying Practitioner's Statement of Certification**" section on the reverse side of this form **MUST** be completed by **one** of the following and must include the certifying authority's license number and the name of the state where their license was issued:

- Physician licensed to practice under Chapters 458, 459 or 460, Florida Statutes, or similarly licensed by another state.  
**NOTE: Documentation of the physician's licensure in the other state must be submitted.**
- Osteopathic Physician.
- Podiatric Physician.
- Chiropractor.
- Optometrist (for sight only).
- Physician who practices medicine in a military medical facility, state hospital or federal prison. Indicate the facility and the address.
- Advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under Chapter 464, under the protocol of a licensed physician.
- Physician assistant licensed to practice under Chapter 458 or Chapter 459.

### **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:**

1. An additional permit may be issued to a disabled person who qualifies as a frequent traveler or as a quadriplegic.
2. An organization may be issued as many disabled person parking permits as it has vehicles (that are used to transport disabled persons).
3. Temporary parking permits are issued for the time period specified by the certifying authority, not to exceed six (6) months.
4. Permits issued to disabled persons will expire in four years on the owner's birthday. Permits issued to an organization will expire in four years on June 30.
5. The permit must be hung on the rear view mirror of any vehicle used to transport the disabled person(s) while parked in a designated disabled person parking space. The permit number must be visible from the front of the vehicle.
6. It is unlawful for any person to obstruct the path of travel to an accessible parking space, curb cut, or access aisle by standing or parking a vehicle within any such designated area.



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**North County Branch**

3188 PGA Boulevard  
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**Lake Worth Branch**

3551 South Military Trail  
Lake Worth

**South County Branch**

501 South Congress Avenue  
Delray Beach

**Royal Palm Beach Branch**

200 Civic Center Way  
Royal Palm Beach

## **REGULATIONS FOR PARKING WITH A DISABLED PERSON PARKING PERMIT PLACARD**

### **Questions and Answers:**

**1. Will everyone with a disabled parking permit be able to park for free at meters?**

Anyone with a disabled parking permit who parks on the street at a turnstile meter will continue to park for free. However, there are new time restrictions; 4 hours maximum. The law also allows local municipalities to exceed the 4 hours maximum by local ordinance.

**2. What are the guidelines for charging a person to park whose vehicle displays a disabled parking permit under the new law?**

The law allows municipalities to remove free parking in the following settings: government lots that are used for entertainment, such as convention centers, cruise port terminals, sports stadiums, sports arenas, coliseums and auditoriums along with airports and city or municipal garages.

When free parking is removed as described above, the law requires the free parking be maintained only for those vehicles with ramps, lifts, hand controls or State of Florida toll exemption permits.

**3. What is the limit on the number of days I can park using my disabled parking permit?**

The new law allows facilities to restrict the number of days (in a row) a vehicle may be parked with a permit, if the number of days is being restricted for the general public.

**4. What are the requirements for the size of the disabled parking spaces?**

By October 1, 1997, all disabled parking spaces are required to be 12 feet wide with a 5-foot access aisle. A 5-foot access aisle may be shared by two accessible spaces. The law also requires the space to have the signs and painting properly maintained.

**5. Who will be enforcing the spaces?**

The law allows a law enforcement officer, parking enforcement specialist and the owner or lessee of the space, who finds a vehicle in violation, to have the vehicle towed. The officer or enforcement specialist may write a ticket for the violation. All violations will be recorded by the local clerk and submitted to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for input into a statewide computer. This will allow the courts to place stiffer penalties on those drivers who are repeat offenders. This can include forty (40) hours of community service with a program that serves people with disabilities.

**6. What new requirements will assist with enforcement?**

Access aisles are now a “no parking” zone for all vehicles whether the vehicle is displaying a disabled parking permit or not. The fine for parking in an access aisle is the same for the disabled parking space, most commonly \$250. The placement of the identification number on the permit will allow the enforcement entity to request the identification card or driver license. They can then match the number on the ID to the number on the permit, and match the picture on the ID to the person using the permit. If anything does not match, a ticket will be written.

**7. What new requirements are in place to deter physicians from signing applications for people who are not eligible?**

The application will warn all applicants and physicians that the permits are only for those people who are severely mobility impaired. Any physician who signs an application for someone who is not eligible can be fined \$1,000 and/or imprisoned for up to one year. All applications will now be tracked by computer and the number of applications signed by specific physicians can be reviewed. Any person who applies and is not eligible can be fined the same as a physician.

**8. What will be done if someone uses a family members' permit or a person uses a permit that does not belong to them?**

Anyone who obtains or uses a permit that does not belong to them can be charged with a second degree misdemeanor- fined \$1,000 and/or imprisoned for up to one year. Improper use of the permit is now twice the fee of a disabled parking violation. This should deter people from loaning their permits to family members. It does not matter if you are running an errand for the person with a disability; if the person with a disability is not present, the fine is \$1,000.