

**WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP**

**ORDINANCE 2024-03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD AMENDING CHAPTER 160  
VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE II, PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING, SECTION  
6.3, HANICAPPED PARKING SIGNS OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford,  
County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 160, Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Parking, Stopping and  
Standing, Section 6.3, Handicapped Parking Signs, of the Code Book of the Township of West  
Deptford is hereby amended to read follows:

- A. All Township residents who, because of a handicap and/or disability, are in need of  
handicapped parking signs in parking spaces at their residences shall, upon  
demonstrating such need to the Chief of Police, be entitled to installation and  
enforcement of handicapped parking signs for said designated parking space.
- B. Application for such a handicapped parking space shall be made to the Chief of  
Police of the Township of West Deptford on such forms and in such manner as  
determined by the Chief of Police.
- C. Such application shall at a minimum contain a certification:
  - 1) That the applicant is the holder of a valid driver's license issued by the State  
of New Jersey and shall have a copy of the license appended to the  
application; and
  - 2) That a windshield placard or wheelchair symbol license plate has been issued  
for a vehicle owned by the handicapped person, or by another occupant of  
the residence who is a member of the immediate family of the handicapped  
person, by the Division of Motor Vehicles pursuant to the provisions of

N.J.S.A. 39:4-204 et seq. and a copy of such permit, registration or New Jersey identification card shall be appended to the application.

- 3) Stating the applicant's reasons for requesting the handicapped parking space, the availability of off-street parking and a graphical depiction of the requested handicapped parking space and all off-street parking for the residence.

- D. The Chief of Police shall review the application and may request any additional information as the Chief deems appropriate and may, in the Chief's sole discretion, on a case-by-case basis, designate a handicapped parking space in front of the applicant's residence, taking into consideration the availability of off-street parking, the unique conditions of the street or neighborhood, the qualification of the applicant pursuant to Subsection B, any other factors that could affect the health, safety and well-being of the public and such other factors as the Chief may deem relevant, provided that such parking is not otherwise prohibited and the permitting thereof will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic.
- E. In the event the Chief of Police deems it appropriate, the Chief shall designate a handicapped parking space in front of the applicant's residence and cause same to be signed and marked pursuant to Subsection I.
- F. The windshield placard or wheelchair symbol license plate issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles to the handicapped person shall be displayed prominently within or in the vehicle when it is parked in the designated area so as to be seen from the middle of the street. Only vehicles which have such a placard or such license plates properly displayed shall be permitted to be parked in the handicapped parking space.
- G. An applicant granted a handicapped parking space pursuant to Subsection B must notify the Clerk immediately if such person changes his or her residence, changes

his or her vehicle registration number, or at such time the handicapped parking space is no longer needed.

- H. The Chief of Police shall keep a record of all handicapped parking spaces designated pursuant to Subsection B and shall periodically review same to ensure that the continuation of such spaces is appropriate. Failure of an applicant for such a handicapped space to cooperate with the Chief's review shall result in the removal of such parking space.
- I. Handicapped parking spaces in front of residences previously approved by the Police Department of the Township of West Deptford prior to the effective date of this section shall have no force or effect, and all persons wishing to continue such spaces shall be required to make application therefor pursuant to the terms of this section.
- J. No fee for the application for or the designation of a handicapped parking space pursuant to Subsection B shall be charged any person entitled to same under the conditions of this section.
- K. Any person parking a motor vehicle in a handicapped parking space without a windshield placard or wheelchair symbol license plate issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-204 et seq. shall be liable to a fine of \$250.00 for the first offense and, for subsequent offenses, to a fine of at least \$250.00 and up to 90 days' community service on such terms and in such form as the court shall deem appropriate, or any combination thereof.
- L. Signing and pavement marking for handicapped parking spaces shall conform to the guidelines of N.J.S.A. 52:32-12 and as otherwise may be prescribed by the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

## **Section 2. Repealer.**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

**Section 3. Severability:**

Each section of this Ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective, shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts hereof.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

**TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD**

  
JAMES P. MEHAFFEY, Mayor

Attest:

  
LEE ANN DEHART, Registered Municipal Clerk

**INTRODUCED** at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE				
	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
James MehaFFEY	✓			
Megan Kerr	✓			
Ashley Morrell	✓			
Adam Reid	✓			
James Robinson	✓			
TALLY:	5			

**ADOPTED at** a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford,  
held on March 20, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE				
	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
James Mehaffey	✓			
Megan Kerr				✓
Ashley Morrell	✓			
Adam Reid	✓			
James Robinson	✓			
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