

**BOROUGH OF CORAOPOLIS
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 1795**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE BOROUGH OF
CORAOPOLIS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE
REGULATION OF HANDICAPPED PARKING.**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code permits local authorities to erect on the highway as close as possible to a place of residence a sign or signs indicating that a parking space is reserved for a vehicle bearing a "handicapped" or "severely disabled veteran" license plate; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough has been providing such signs to individuals who provide evidence of having been issued a handicapped or severely disabled veteran license plate from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to Sections 1338 or 1342, respectively, the Motor Vehicle Code, 75 Pa. C.S.A. Sections 1338 and 1342; and,

WHEREAS, such plates are renewed on an annual basis by the payment of the appropriate fee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to enact the within Ordinance so as to ensure the uniform administration of regulations regarding parking for handicapped persons and impose a fee to offset the cost of the sign and associated labor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Coraopolis, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. Restricted Handicapped Residential Parking.

Any Borough resident who has been issued a handicapped or severely disabled veteran license plate by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or on whose behalf said license plate has been issued, pursuant to Section 1338 or Section 1342 of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, shall be eligible for the installation, in front of, or as close as possible to, said person's residence of a sign indicating that parking in such space is restricted to any person's vehicle bearing a handicapped or severely disabled veteran license plate, which initial eligibility shall expire twelve (12) months from the date such sign is installed. Application for such restricted parking sign shall be made to the Chief of Police. The applicant shall be required to pay an initial fee of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for the first year at the time the application is approved by the Chief of Police of the Borough of Coraopolis. Disabled Veterans are exempt from the initial application fee and the annual fee, but are required to renew the application annually.

Section 2. Application Form and Content.

Application for a restricted handicapped or severely disabled parking space shall be made on a form provided by the Chief of Police, a copy of which is appended to this Ordinance. The application information shall include the identity of the handicapped person or severely disabled veteran and said person's place of residence and shall be accompanied by documentation evidencing issuance of a handicapped or severely disabled veteran plate by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and such other information as is deemed fitting and proper.

Section 3. Factors in Determining Approval of Applications.

In reviewing the application, the Chief of Police shall take into consideration the following factors:

- A. Impact on general safety.
- B. Impact on traffic flow.
- C. Impact on neighboring properties.
- D. Nature of disability.
- E. Availability of off-street parking, garage and/or driveway.
- F. Verification of application in general.

The application shall not be approved if off-street parking is available to the applicant unless the same cannot be utilized or if an undue hardship is created for the other residents parking in the area.

Section 4. Annual Certification.

- A. Each renewal period shall be twelve (12) months.
- B. Application for renewal must be filed with the Chief of Police no later than thirty (30) days before the date the prior eligibility is due to expire.
- C. Each Application for Renewal shall be accompanied with a fee of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars.
- D. The Chief of Police will not accept the application for renewal unless it is also accompanied by a sworn document containing the following averments:
 - 1. The applicant continues to be disabled as evidenced by documentation submitted and signed by applicant's treating physician.
 - 2. The applicant continues to drive an automobile or is being driven by another identified individual because of applicant's disability.

3. The applicant resides at the same address.

E. All handicapped plates and placards must be readily visible.

Section 5. Exemption for the Annual Fee Payment.

A single applicant who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older, a Coraopolis Borough resident for at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of application, with a total income of less than twenty-three thousand five hundred dollars (\$23,500) shall be eligible for application without the initial and the annual fee.

A married applicant who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older, a Coraopolis Borough resident for at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of application, with a total combined income of less than thirty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$31,500) shall be eligible for application without the initial and the annual fee, Applicants should be prepared to provide verification of any of these criteria to the Chief of Police when submitting the completed application.

Section 6. Failure to File Completed Application.

Failure to file a completed initial application or a timely application for renewal shall result in such application being denied or not renewed. In the event an individual fails to file a completed application for recertification within the time allowed, that is, on an annual basis prior to expiration of the individual's eligibility, the right to such sign shall be forfeited and the sign shall be removed by the Department of Public Works and shall not be re-erected unless an application for recertification is filed along with a Fifty (\$50.00) Dollar fee.

Section 7. Current Signs.

All residences currently having restricted handicapped or severely disabled veteran parking signs in front of the premises shall apply to the Chief of Police within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this ordinance for renewal of their handicapped or disabled status. Failure to do so will result in the removal of the sign.

Section 8. Removal of Sign.

In addition to removal of the sign for failure to properly apply for renewal, a handicapped or severely disabled veteran parking restriction sign may be removed after notice to the applicant if, upon investigation, the Borough determines either that the applicant is not, in fact, handicapped or a severely disabled veteran; that the applicant has moved; or, that the privilege is being abused in a manner inconsistent with its intent. The notice to the individual shall state the reason or reasons for the anticipated removal of the sign and shall give the handicapped individual or severely disabled veteran twenty (20) days in which to request a hearing before the Chief of Police or his designee. The Chief of Police and his designee shall also have the right to remove a sign for just cause.

Section 9. Installation.

Upon approval of the application, the Chief of Police or his designee shall review and approve all applications for handicapped or severely disabled veteran restricted parking which meet the requirements of this ordinance and refer the approved Application to the Department of Public Works for installation of a restricted handicapped or severely disabled veteran parking sign. All signs shall remain the property of the Borough and shall indicate the penalty for violation, including fine and that a violator's car may be towed away.

Section 10. Penalties.

An individual who submits a false application to the Chief of Police shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars and costs and in default of payment of said fine and costs, shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both. Each false application submitted to the Chief of Police shall constitute a separate offense. The penalty for unlawfully parking in a handicapped parking space shall be in accordance with the Pa. Motor Vehicle Code.

Section 11. Repealer.

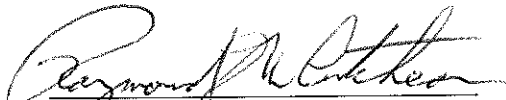
All ordinances of parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 12. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

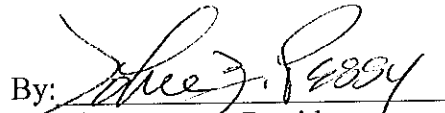
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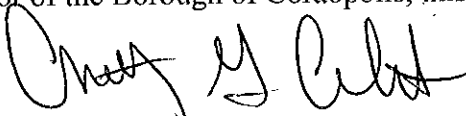
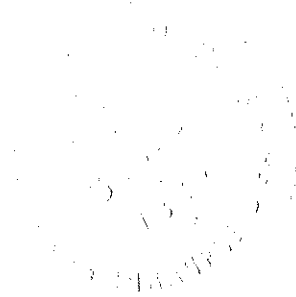


Raymond McCutcheon
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF CORAOPOLIS

By: 
John Z. Pessy, President
Borough Council

Examined and approved by the Mayor of the Borough of Coraopolis, this 9th day of March, 2016.


Anthony Celeste, Mayor

BOROUGH OF CORAOPOLIS
APPLICATION FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE

Return completed application to Borough Administration Office for processing.

Name of Applicant: _____

Address Where Applicant Lives: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Home or Cell Telephone Number of Applicant: _____

Applicant's Physician's Name: _____

Physician's Phone Number: _____

Information of vehicle owned by Applicant which will occupy the parking space:

License Plate Number: _____ Make of Vehicle: _____

Color of Vehicle: _____ Year of Vehicle: _____

Does the property for which this space is being requested have a garage or other off-street parking available? YES _____ NO _____ (If YES — describe: _____)

Is this request for temporary space or permanent space? _____ If yes, for how long _____

*By signing this form, you agree that all the information you have given is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. You also permit the Borough's Authorized Official to investigate all the above information. Any false or missing information given will render this application void. **Further, you understand that parking in such space is not exclusive to applicant, but is available to any person's vehicle bearing a handicapped or severely disabled veteran license plate.***

Signature of Applicant

DATE

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY — DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Does the applicant have a H/C License Plate? _____

Is the vehicle in applicant's name? _____

Is there off-street parking? _____

Is there a garage/driveway available to applicant? _____

Reviewed by: _____

Date: _____

Approved by: _____

Rejected by: _____

Comments/Reasons: _____

