



# MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTOWN

## RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR DISABLED PARKING

Please provide the following information by answering all questions completely and to the best of your ability:

APPLICANT INFORMATION		DATE:		
NAME OF APPLICANT:				
ADDRESS:				
CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE:				
PHONE (HOME):		CELL:		
EMAIL:				
DATE OF BIRTH:		APPLICANT'S SEX	MALE	FEMALE
OCCUPATION		RETIRED?	YES	NO

VEHICLE INFORMATION:			
VEHICLE MAKE & MODEL:		YEAR	
RESIGSTRATION PLATE #			
HANDICAP PLACARD #		EXPIRATION	

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:			
My Physical Condition has: (circle one)	Improved	Remained the Same	Deteriorated
Have any improvements been made to your property to provide off-street parking (If yes, explain below)	YES	NO	

ALL RENEWALS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 15 OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS RENEWAL APPLICATION WILL RESULT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTOWN REMOVING THE RESERVED DISABLED PARKING SPACE FROM IN FRONT OF YOUR PROPERTY.

Applicant Signature:	
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### FUNCTIONAL GUIDELINES AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

#### RESERVED RESIDENTIAL PARKING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

It is the responsibility of the medical evaluator to determine whether the one or more medical conditions ascribed to an applicant are of such severity as to render the applicant disabled to the extent that reserved parking is required for him or her to function adequately on a day to day basis. The following is a rather comprehensive list of medical conditions which, in various stages cause moderate to severe mobility impairment. Most sections include a "Note" area to assist the evaluator in interpretation of the medical criteria as they relate to an applicant's eligibility for reserved, residential parking for people with disabilities.

#### **SECTION 1 Non-Ambulatory Disabilities**

Impairments that require the applicant to use a wheelchair for mobility.

#### **SECTION 2 Impaired or Assisted Ambulation**

Intended for those who walk with extreme difficulty including those individuals who use a walker, crutches or leg braces. Use of a cane does not necessarily indicate eligibility for reserved residential parking.

**Note:** Claiming eligibility under this section will require extensive medical documentation or an additional medical examination of the individual to determine whether or not this applicant's medical condition qualifies the applicant for receipt of a reserved residential zone.

#### **SECTION 3 Arthritis**

This section is intended for people whose arthritic condition makes walking extremely difficult; people who suffer arthritis which causes a severe functional motor deficit in the legs.

#### FUNCTIONAL CAPACITY

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| Class III | Functional capacity adequate to perform only a few or none of the duties of usual occupation or self-care. |
| Class IV  | Largely or wholly incapacitated, uses wheelchair.  |

#### MOBILITY ASSESSMENT

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| Grade II  | The applicant can cross the road but cannot manage public transportation. |
| Grade III | The applicant can use stairs but cannot cross roads.                      |
| Grade IV  | The applicant cannot use stairs.  |
| Grade V   | The applicant can move from room to room with help.                       |
| Grade VI  | The applicant is confined to chair or bed.                                |

**Note:** Arthritis alone can only be used as a criterion for reserved residential parking if the applicant meets Class III under the Functional Capacity section and at least Grade III and up to Grade V under the Mobility Assessment section. Those applicants falling under other classes or grades listed must have either additional medical complications (when considering those at Grade II level) or traffic and/or terrain problems creating additional hardships for an attendant or driver of the disabled resident

#### **SECTION 4 Amputation/Anatomical**

This section is intended for people who find it extremely difficult to walk because of amputation, congenital absence of or anatomical deformity of the lower extremity at or above the tarsal region of one or both legs.

**Note:** Exceptions might include those cases in which the applicant has been particularly successful in mastering life skills and has been rendered fully ambulatory with the aid of his/her prosthesis.

#### **SECTION 5 Cerebrovascular Accident**

This section is intended for those applicants who, because of stroke or brain injury find it extremely difficult to walk. These applicants must exhibit one of the following:

- (A) Severe functional motor deficit in any of two extremities
- (B) Severe ataxia affecting two extremities substantiated by appropriate by appropriate cerebellar signs of proprioceptive loss/loss of muscle and kinesthetic sense.



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**Note:** Appropriate medical documentation including, but not limited to rehabilitation records, etc. required before approval of an application from an individual falling under this category.

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#### **SECTION 6 Pulmonary Disabilities**

People who, because of a respiratory condition, find it extremely difficult to walk. These individuals experience dyspnea at various levels of exertion. Applicants must exhibit one of the following:

- (A) Dyspnea which occurs during such activities as climbing one flight of stairs or walking 100 yds on level ground.
- (B) Dyspnea present on the slightest exertion such as dressing, talking or at rest.

**Note:** Applicants for reserved parking may qualify under either sections A or B; however, these conditions should be substantiated by respiratory function studies or by other objective rather than subjective evidence. If oxygen is required to carry out routing functions, this should be stated by the applicant's physician.

#### **SECTION 7 Cardiovascular Disease**

This section applies to those individuals who, because of cardiac illness, walk with extreme difficulty. This includes people who exhibit Class III or Class IV in the functional classification and Class D or E in the therapeutic classification.

##### FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION

- Class III Patients with cardiac disease resulting in marked limitation of physical activity. Patients may be comfortable at rest; however, less than ordinary physical activity causes fatigue, palpitations, and dyspnea or angina pain
- Class IV Patients with cardiac disease resulting in an inability to carry out physical activity without discomfort. Symptoms of cardiac insufficiency or angina syndrome may be present even at rest. Any physical activity will increase discomfort.

##### THERAPEUTIC CLASSIFICATION

- Class D Patients with cardiac disease whose ordinary physical activity should be markedly restricted.
- Class E Patients with cardiac disease who should be at complete rest, confined to a bed or chair.

**Note:** Those applicants who fall under Therapeutic Classification D may or may not be mobility impaired to the extent that reserved parking is required. However, placement in this classification, along with inclusion under one of the other disability categories may combine to categorize the applicant disabled to the degree that a reserved parking zone is necessary. With respect to Therapeutic Classification E, the evaluator must bear in mind that persons who are confined to bed do not usually require the provision of special parking. Upon appeal however, special circumstances such as traffic or terrain problems may be brought to light which allow approval or reserved parking zones in such cases.

#### **SECTION 8 Neurological Disabilities**

This section is intended for those people who, because of impairment of the central nervous system, are disabled to the extent that their gait is radically altered resulting in severely restricted mobility.

##### NEUROLOGICAL DISORDER:

Damage to the central nervous system due to illness, accident, genetic or hereditary factors.

**Note:** Each of the factors above could cause a wide range of damage to the central nervous system resulting in anything from minor disability to total incapacitation. The evaluator must take care to detail the extent to which the applicant's mobility is impaired as a result of the resulting neurological disorder. The general rule for our purposes is if the applicant can walk one half of a city block without difficulty, he or she is not likely to require reserved residential parking.

#### **SECTION 9 Other:**

Upon special request, consideration will be given to a disability which is not specifically included in the aforementioned criteria.