

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ARKANSAS ACCESSIBLE PARKING LAWS

ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE RESERVED FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES — CERTIFIED BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN AS HAVING A SPECIFIC MEDICAL CONDITION OR A DISABILITY THAT SEVERELY IMPAIRS THEIR MOBILITY.

All citizens unlawfully parking in accessible parking spaces are to be ticketed accordingly as governed under Arkansas Law code §27-15-305.

- Law enforcement officers have clear authority to enforce the provisions of the Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities on private property, such as at a mall, retailer, or grocery store, restaurants, and other public venues.

PENALTIES FOR MISUSE

- Vehicles parked in a space reserved for persons with disabilities without displaying disability license plates or a special placard are subject to citations:
 - ➔ **First offense: minimum fine of \$100 to \$500**
 - ➔ **Second offense carries a minimum fine of \$500 to \$1,000** and possibly suspension of driver's licenses (§27-15-305 code).
- Upon request of a police officer, the accessible parking user must present photo identification to verify he or she is the authorized holder of the plates or parking placard. The authorized user's code appears on the back of driver's license or photo ID. (Questioning the nature or validity of the user's disability is not a law enforcement function; not all disabilities are apparent).
- Vehicles displaying disability plates or placard may park in areas reserved for persons with disabilities. The authorized holder must be present and must enter or exit the vehicle at the time the parking privileges are being used. The placard must be displayed in clear view hanging from the rear-view mirror of the vehicle. Disability plates and placards do not allow authorized holders to park in restricted parking areas.
- Placards ARE NOT to be used by others. The authorized holder must be present and must enter or exit the vehicle at the time the parking privileges are being used. Violators face a up to a \$500 fine, driver's license suspension, and suspension or revocation of the plates or placard (§27-15-305 code).
- Parking is not allowed in an access aisle (the striped area used for Van access) of a accessible parking space. Officers may ticket any vehicle parked in the 'van access aisle' whether or not it is displaying disability plates or a placard (§27-15-305).
- Police may confiscate any placard if it is being used illegally (§27-15-305).

All disability plates and placard information may be obtained through your local DFA Revenue office.

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YOU MAY BE IN VIOLATION!

Arkansas Law A.C.A. § 27-15-306

If this vehicle is parked in this area again, up to a \$500 Parking Violation Citation may be issued.

YOUR VEHICLE INFORMATION HAS BEEN NOTED AND RECORDED.

License No. State County

Vehicle Make/Model Color

- Parked in a Van Accessible Space Parked in Stripped Area
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