

Summary of Amendments – Parking for People with a Disability

Administration has undertaken a comprehensive review of the off-street parking regulations for people with a disability. Designated parking spaces for people with a disability are currently required for commercial, institutional, industrial, mixed-use and multi-family developments. Proposed amendments focus on addressing feedback from stakeholders, as well as aligning with current practices of other municipalities across Canada. The proposed amendments will increase accessibility and bring our standards in line with other Canadian municipalities.

The proposed regulations will:

1. Update definitions (Section 2.0) to add definitions for ‘access aisle’ and ‘access path’. The access aisle definition will formalize a requirement for a portion of the space used for designated parking spaces for people with a disability be used for entering and exiting a vehicle. The access path definition will provide further consideration for a safe and accessible path being provided between parking spaces and the entrance to the destination.
2. Update Required Parking, Loading and Vehicular Circulation Provisions (Section 6.0) to create a new subsection specific to requirements for vehicle parking and loading spaces for people with a disability to consolidate applicable provisions.
3. The new subsection will include increases to the proportion of required parking spaces to be designated parking spaces for people with a disability for multiple-unit dwellings, dwelling groups and other uses. This will align Saskatoon regulations with other Canadian municipalities. The new rates are shown in the below tables and will result in approximately double the number of parking spaces for people with a disability than are currently required.

Proposed Rate for Non-Residential Uses	
Number of Required Vehicle Parking Spaces	Number of Parking Spaces for People with a Disability
4 - 50	1
51 - 400	1 space per 50 required parking spaces
More than 400	8 spaces, plus 0.5% of total required parking

Proposed Rate for Residential Uses	
Number of Required Vehicle Parking Spaces	Number of Parking Spaces for People with a Disability
20 - 199 spaces	2
Each additional 100 spaces	2

4. Increase the width of designated parking spaces for people with a disability to provide for a standard access aisle plus the width of standard required parking spaces. The total increase in width would be from 3.9 metres to 4.2 metres for one space and from 6.3 spaces to 6.9 spaces for two spaces sharing one access aisle.
5. Include provisions for an access path and access aisle, including demarcation and signage to improve access from parking spaces to building entrances.
6. Include figures to illustrate the new requirements to improve clarify of the standards required.