



NH Governor's Commission on Disability



Guidelines for Free Parking for an Individual with a Disability

**The Governor's Commission on Disability
has adopted the following recommendations for
state and municipal parking facilities
where a fee is charged.**

- When creating time periods for free parking for individuals with disabilities, the state and municipalities should consider the additional time that individuals with disabilities may require exiting their vehicles, traveling to their destinations, and returning to their vehicles.
- The state and municipalities should consider the need for additional time in situations involving street parking, heavy traffic, and where parking is limited due to snowfall and/or other obstacles.
- The time periods for free parking for individuals with disabilities should be extended; e.g., in a situation that ordinarily allows one hour of free parking, individuals with disabilities could receive two hours of free parking. If the situation allows two hours of free parking, four hours of free parking should be considered by the municipality.
- Unlimited or additional or free parking beyond two or four hours should always be considered by the municipality.

It is strongly suggested that the guidelines adopted by the municipality and the State should be posted.

Pursuant to RSA 265:74, any motor vehicle carrying the special plates or hanging windshield placard issued to a person with a walking disability shall be allowed free parking in any city or town, including any state or municipal parking facility ***where a fee is charged (emphasis added)***. Each city or town shall have the discretion to set the time periods using guidelines which shall be provided by the Governor's Commission on Disability.

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