

Florida Building Code-Accessible Parking Requirements

11-4.6 Parking and passenger loading zones.

11-4.6.1 Minimum number. Parking spaces required to be accessible by Section 11-4.1 shall comply with Sections 11-4.6.2 through Section 11-4.6.5. Passenger loading zones required to be accessible by Section 11-4.1 shall comply with Section 11-4.6.5 and 11-4.6.6.

11-4.6.2 Location. Accessible parking spaces serving a particular building shall be located on the shortest safely accessible route of travel from adjacent parking to an accessible entrance. In parking facilities that do not serve a particular building, accessible parking shall be located on the shortest accessible route of travel to an accessible pedestrian entrance of the parking facility. In buildings with multiple accessible entrances with adjacent parking, accessible parking spaces shall be dispersed and located closest to the accessible entrances.

(1) All spaces must be located on an accessible route no less than 44 inches (1118 mm) wide so that users will not be compelled to walk or wheel behind parked vehicles.

(2) If a theme park or entertainment complex [as defined in Section 509.013(9), see definitions] provides parking in several lots or areas from which access to the theme park or entertainment complex is provided, a single lot or area may be designated for parking by persons who have disabilities, if the lot or area is located on the shortest safely accessible route to an accessible entrance to the theme park or entertainment complex or to transportation to such accessible entrance.

(3) On-street parallel parking spaces must be located either at the beginning or end of a block or adjacent to alley entrances.

11-4.6.3 Parking spaces. Each parking space must be no less than 12 feet (3658 mm) wide. Parking access aisles must be no less than 5 feet (1524 mm) wide and must be part of an accessible route to the building or facility entrance. Two accessible spaces may share a common access aisle [see Figure 9(a)]. The access aisle shall be striped diagonally to designate it as a no-parking zone. Curb ramps must be located outside of the disabled parking spaces and access aisles.

Exception: If a theme park or entertainment complex in which are provided continuous attendant services for directing individuals to marked accessible parking spaces or designated lots for parking by persons who have disabilities, the park or complex may provide parking spaces that comply with the alternatives specified in Section 11-12.

Parked vehicle overhangs shall not reduce the clear width of an accessible route. Parking spaces and access aisles shall be level with surface slopes not exceeding 1:50 (2 percent) in all directions.

Parallel parking spaces must be even with surface slopes, may match the grade of the adjacent travel lane, and must not exceed a cross slope of 1:50, where feasible. Such spaces shall be designed per Sections 11-4.6.2 through 11-4.6.5.

Exception: Access aisles are not required.

Curbs adjacent to such spaces must be of a height that will not interfere with the opening and closing of motor vehicle doors.

11-4.6.4 Signage. Each accessible parking space must be prominently outlined with blue paint, and must be repainted as necessary, to be clearly distinguishable as a parking space designated for persons who have disabilities and must be posted with a permanent above-grade sign bearing the international symbol of accessibility, meeting the requirements of color and design approved by the Department of Transportation, of Section 11-4.30.7 and the caption "PARKING BY DISABLED PERMIT ONLY." Such sign erected after October 1, 1996, must indicate the penalty for illegal use of the space.

Van accessible parking spaces located within a parking structure shall have an additional sign reading "VAN ACCESSIBLE" mounted below the symbol of accessibility. Such signs shall be located so they cannot be obscured by a vehicle parked in the space.