

# LAWFUL & COURTEOUS USE OF A DISABLED PARKING PLACARD



## Parking:

- THE DISABLED PERSON MUST BE IN THE VEHICLE TO PARK IN A RESERVED SPACE.
- YOU MUST DISPLAY THE PLACARD FROM YOUR REARVIEW MIRROR WHEN (AND ONLY WHEN) YOU ARE PARKED IN A SPACE RESERVED FOR THE DISABLED, AND **REMOVE IT WHEN DRIVING** (it is considered a view obstruction, and the sun will make all important information on the permit disappear).
- IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A REARVIEW MIRROR, THE PLACARD CAN BE DISPLAYED ON THE CENTER OF YOUR DASHBOARD.

## Abuse of your privilege:

- THE DISABLED PERSON SHOULD EXIT THE VEHICLE ONCE PARKED IN A RESERVED SPACE. **IF THE DISABLED PERSON DOES NOT PLAN TO EXIT THE VEHICLE WHILE PARKED IN A RESERVED SPACE, THEN DO NOT PARK THERE.** THIS IS CONSIDERED ABUSE OF YOUR PRIVILEGE. THE PURPOSE OF THE PERMIT IS TO GUARANTY A SPACE CLOSE TO THE BUILDING SO THE DISABLED PERSON DOES NOT HAVE TO WALK FAR TO THE BUILDING.
- **NEVER LEND YOUR PLACARD TO ANYONE, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ALSO DISABLED.** IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN THEIR OWN PERMIT. LENDING THEM YOURS IS CONSIDERED ABUSE OF YOUR PRIVILEGE. **DMV records the number at the bottom of the placard as a “registration” under your NJ Driver’s License number in their database. Therefore, the registered owner of the placard can be easily verified by a Police Officer.**

## Courtesy:

**NEVER** PARK IN THE AREA NEXT TO A DISABLED SPACE WHICH HAS THE PAINTED GRIDS. THIS SPACE IS THERE SO THAT DISABLED PEOPLE HAVE ENOUGH ROOM TO ENTER AND EXIT THEIR VEHICLES.



## Temporary vs. Permanent:



- APPLICATIONS FOR TEMPORARY PLACARDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM NJ MVC WEBSITE ([http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/Vehicles/HDC\\_Placard\\_Temp.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/Vehicles/HDC_Placard_Temp.pdf)) , JEFFERSON POLICE WEBSITE (<http://www.jeffersonpolice.com/Cit-e-Access/webpage.cfm?TID=134&TPID=12840>), YOU MAY STOP AT HEADQUARTERS TO PICK UP A COPY, OR YOU MAY CALL 973-208-6151 TO HAVE ONE MAILED TO YOU. A TEMPORARY PLACARD IS VALID FOR 6 MONTHS. IF YOU STILL NEED TEMPORARY DISABLED PARKING PRIVILEGES AT THE EXPIRATION OF 6 MONTHS, YOU MUST REAPPLY FOR ANOTHER PLACARD, WHICH WILL REQUIRE A REVISIT TO YOUR DOCTOR AND PAYMENT OF ANOTHER FEE. AFTER YOUR SECOND TEMPORARY PARKING PLACARD EXPIRES, YOU ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ANY ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY PLACARDS AND MUST APPLY FOR A PERMANENT PLACARD. IF YOU NEED TO APPLY FOR A PERMANENT PLACARD, SEE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW.



- PERMANENT PLACARDS REQUIRE A DIFFERENT APPLICATION WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT ANY LOCAL NJ MOTOR VEHICLE OFFICE, OR YOU MAY DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION FROM NJ MVC WEBSITE ([http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/Vehicles/HDC\\_Placard\\_Application.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/Vehicles/HDC_Placard_Application.pdf)) OR FROM THE JEFFERSON POLICE WEBSITE (<http://www.jeffersonpolice.com/Cit-e-Access/webpage.cfm?TID=134&TPID=12840>). ONCE YOU AND YOUR DOCTOR HAVE COMPLETED THAT APPLICATION, YOU MUST RETURN TO ANY LOCAL MOTOR VEHICLE AGENCY TO OBTAIN A PERMANENT DISABLED PARKING PLACARD. PERMANENT PLACARDS ARE VALID FOR 3 YEARS AT WHICH TIME THE PLACARD OWNER MUST RETURN TO THEIR PHYSICIAN FOR CONFIRMATION THAT THEIR DISABILITY STILL EXISTS. USE OF THE PERMANENT PLACARD REQUIRES THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE PLACARD TO BE IN POSSESSION OF HIS OR HER “DISABLED PERSONS ID” \* AND DRIVER’S LICENSE ANY TIME THE PLACARD IS USED.

*\*The Disabled Persons ID is similar in nature & appearance to a MV registration, and verifies the name and address of the placard’s registered owner, as well as the placard number. DMV records the placard number as a “registration” as part of your driver’s license record in their database, and the person who owns the placard must be in possession of the ID card at all times the placard is in use.*

## Questions:

- IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL SHELLEY AT THE POLICE CHIEF’S OFFICE AT 973-208-6151.

## State of New Jersey penalties for unauthorized parking in a parking space reserved for disabled persons:



Mandatory Court Appearance



**Fines**  
**First Offense:** \$250  
**Subsequent Offenses:** At least \$250 AND at least 90 days community service



Your Vehicle Towed (at your expense)