

CITY OF IOWA CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

April 1, 2025

Ordinance amending Title 9, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Chapter 4, entitled "Parking Regulations," Section 11, entitled "Parking for People with Physical Disabilities," to define the required access aisle as a part of the parking space. (Second Consideration)

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Fiscal Impact:	N/A
Staff Recommendation:	Approval
Commission Recommendations:	N/A
Attachments: Ordinance	

Executive Summary:

ADA-accessible parking spaces include specific features, such as access aisles leading to curb ramps, that make it easier for people with disabilities to travel between their parking space and adjacent buildings and sidewalks. The proposed change in the code is to clarify that the access aisle is an essential part of the accessible parking space. This will allow parking enforcement to ticket vehicles that park in or otherwise block the marked accessible aisle associated with a space designated for people with physical disabilities and those penalties would apply.

Background / Analysis:

This ordinance makes clear that the access aisle for an ADA-accessible parking space is considered part of the parking space so that vehicles parked in the access aisle may be ticketed and subject to fines associated with accessible spaces.