



HANDICAPPED PARKING INFORMATION



* **Who is eligible for a handicapped parking placard issued from the City of Batavia?**

Residents who live within the corporate city limits of the City of Batavia and meet the definition of handicapped person as defined in Chapter 625, Section 5/1-159.1, Illinois Compiled Statutes, are eligible for a Temporary Handicapped Parking Placard issued by the City of Batavia. Residents, who live outside the corporate city limits, even if they live in Batavia Township and/or have a Batavia mailing address, are not eligible for a placard issued by the City of Batavia and must apply to the State of Illinois for their handicapped placard.

* **Where should the handicapped parking placard be displayed?**

The placard must be displayed in clear view hanging from the rearview mirror or placed on the dashboard of the vehicle. It must be displayed in a manner in which the permit number and expiration date are facing up, clearly visible through the front windshield of the vehicle.

* **How long is a temporary handicapped parking placard good for?**

The temporary handicapped parking placard that is issued by the City of Batavia is good for a period of 90 days. It may be renewed for additional periods of 90 days each. However, it may not be renewed more than three (3) consecutive times, or for a period of greater than one (1) year. Each renewal will require a new application to be completed, including a physician's certificate. If it is believed that the disability will last longer than one year, a State issued handicapped parking placard or plates should be obtained.

* **What parking privileges are granted to a vehicle displaying a handicapped parking placard?**

When the vehicle is used to transport the handicapped person that the parking placard is issued to, it may be parked in any area specifically reserved for the use by handicapped persons only. Keep in mind that the authorized holder of a placard or disability license plate must be present when parking in a reserved space. It is illegal to use a placard or disability license plate without the authorized holder being present. Also remember that the authorized holder must exit or enter the vehicle while it is parked in the designated area. Violators can be ticketed. (625 ILCS 5/11-1301.3)

Under the same conditions, the vehicle is exempt from the payment of parking meter fees and from any State or local time limits on parking, except for those parking meters or time limits of one-half hour or less. A handicapped parking placard will NOT allow a vehicle to park where parking is prohibited!

* **Is this temporary handicapped parking placard valid in other communities than Batavia?**

YES. The handicapped parking placard, whether issued by the State or by a local municipality, should be honored by all local authorities in all 50 states.

* **What should I do if my handicapped placard is lost or stolen?**

If it is lost, you will have to complete a police report with the Batavia Police Department. If it is stolen, you will have to file a police report with the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the theft took place. Upon providing proof that such a report has been filed, you will be issued a new temporary handicapped parking placard.

* **What happens if I recover from my disability faster than expected?**

Once you no longer meet the definition of a handicapped person, as defined in Chapter 625, Section 5/1-159.1, Illinois Compiled Statutes, your temporary handicapped parking placard becomes void. The placard should be turned into the Batavia Police Department as soon as possible.

If you have any other questions, you may contact the Batavia Police Department at 630/879-2840.