

Department of
Public Works

Memo

To: Steven Contente, Town Administrator
From: Christopher J. Parella, Director of Public Works
Date: May 22, 2026
Re: Lina Amaral, 19 Second School Street – request for Accessible Parking spot in the vicinity of residence

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Mr. Administrator,

I recommend that the Honorable Town Council deny the request for designation of an on-street Accessible Parking space in front of 19 Second School Street.

The petitioner already has off-street parking that accommodates the accessible vehicle used for primary transportation. This meets the accessibility need at the residence. The stated rationale for an additional on-street Accessible space is to provide daily parking for the petitioner's husband, who is not a person with a disability. Accessible on-street spaces are intended to ensure access for individuals with disabilities, not to expand general household parking capacity. On-street parking supply on Second School Street is limited. Reserving curb space as an Accessible stall under these circumstances would reduce public availability and confer a private convenience rather than address an access barrier.

Granting this request could set a precedent for allocating limited accessible curb spaces for family-member convenience where off-street accessible parking already exists, complicating future administration and undermining consistent, equitable application of criteria.

Steven Contente
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Town Administrator