



City of Jackson

TO: Mayor and Board of Aldermen

FROM: Janet Sanders, Director of Public Works

DATE: October 16, 2024

RE: Request for Time Limit on Handicap Parking Space - 100 block N. Missouri Street

Attached is a request from Ms. Gaye Laird for a one-hour time limit on the existing handicap parking space located in front of 103 North Missouri Street. Also attached is a map designating the existing restrictions on parking in this block. On that side of the street, there is currently one unrestricted handicap space, two 2-hour time-limited spaces, and six unrestricted spaces. The entire east side of this block is limited to two-hour parking.

The one handicap space was originally located on the east side of the street in front of 100 North Missouri Street (Municipal Court/UJRO) and was moved upon a request in 2020 to accommodate disabled customers on the west side of the street.

The map also shows property lines. From these you can see that Top Style Barber Shop (103 N. Missouri St.) and Hair Clips (109 N. Missouri) have no off-street parking. The driveway between those two businesses and the parking lot behind belong to Sara Gereau Agency (200 W. Main St.) The Probation Office (111 North Missouri) shares a garage and driveway with the Rock House (119 N. Missouri).

The Police Department recommends that if this space is to be time limited, the limit be two hours rather than one hour to be consistent with other time limited parking.

Research of the American with Disabilities Act shows that municipal on-street parking is not covered by the act. In general, handicap spaces can only be time limited in lots where all spaces are limited the same.

It should also be noted that on-street parallel parking without additional modification to inset the parking space and provide a loading zone with integrated ramp provides no refuge from traffic to a disabled driver entering or exiting their vehicle.

Based on the above information, if the board is comfortable with the configuration of the current handicap space, a second handicap space without time limits is an alternative.

Staff recommends that a public hearing be held, similar to the process followed when restricting on-street parking on an existing street. All affected property owners would be notified and have the opportunity to give input.