

**Access Advisory Committee Questions to SBPD on Accessible Parking**

1. What is the SBPD procedure for ticketing and towing of violators parking without a valid disability placard at each of the above locations?

*While conducting beat enforcement, Parking Enforcement Officers (PEO) will cite any violator's parked in ANY accessible spaces or stalls without accessible plates or placards. Additionally, PEO's respond to calls for service through dispatch or citizen complaints. PEO's enforcing the downtown area will typically go into City parking lots to enforce violations between regular beat enforcement. Unless a call for service through dispatch occurs for private lots we do not enforce.*

2. Who besides the Parking Enforcement Officers are tasked to examine vehicles in accessible parking spaces at each of these locations?

*Officers can, and do, go into City parking lots and garages while conducting routine enforcement. Usually motorcycle officers frequent the city lots more often than officers in a vehicle. Additionally, officers take calls for service through dispatch if a PEO is unavailable.*

3. Does the SBPD require the CBC and CVC required 17" x 22" sign that states that cars will be towed and the contact info for the company before the SBPD will tow that vehicle?

*The SBPD does not tow for accessible related parking violations for non-plated or non-placarded vehicles. Vehicles in violation are only cited. Vehicles in violation in private lots will only be cited through a call for service through dispatch.*

4. Some private lot operators use their accessible spaces for vehicles without a valid placard. What is the recourse in this situation? Is this enforceable?

*It is illegal to block any part of an accessible stall whether it be the space itself or cross hatches/ramp or loading area. All violations of this nature are citable whether found by a PEO, officer, or called into dispatch.*

5. What is the recommended course of action when a member of the community finds repeat violations, mainly in private parking lots? There have been issues in the past getting traction or response with specific violation sites.

*It is best to call the non-emergency dispatch as soon as the violation is noticed for best chance of a timely response. Dispatch will notify a PEO or motorcycle officer who is free at the time and send them to the location of the violation.*

6. Is there any progress with SBPD putting together programs that would help with parking enforcement and may assist in parking enforcement response time?

*At the current time no other members of the SBPD can issue citations for accessible parking violations other than PEO's and Officers. However, work is currently being done on this issue and teams like the Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP) and downtown volunteers may be able to issue those citations in the future.*

7. Can SBPD provide an update on how many citations for 22507.8(a) & (b) of the California vehicle code have been issued in the past two years?

*A request has been made to the SBPD Business Manger to provide these details.*

8. Can a business owner restrict access to ADA parking spaces in private lots for customers only?

*A lot accepting customers or public entrance to a business then becomes public and cannot restrict accessible spaces for customers/employees only.*

9. Considering violation of CVC 22507.8 (b), where the violation is not necessarily tied to a vehicle, how would law enforcement determine the responsible party? (i.e ADA parking space being used for storage or placement of material, equipment, etc.)

*The Owner of the business allowing material or other equipment to block an accessible space is in violation and would have to be reported to the City of Santa Barbara's Community Development Code Enforcement.*

10. A business contracts with a valet operator to provide parking services in a private parking lot. The property owner permits the valet operator to implement a practice of physically barring access to the parking lot via cones or chains. Who is in violation of CVC 22507.8 (b), the property owner, or the valet operator or the parking attendant?

*Again, this would be a zoning issue through the City of Santa Barbara's Community Development Code Enforcement.*

11. A business contracts with a valet operator to provide parking services in a private parking lot. The property owner permits the valet operator to park vehicle, without ADA Parking plate or placard in an ADA parking space. Should the vehicle be cited for CVC 22507.8 (a), the operator and or business owner cited for CVC 22507.8 (b), or both.

*The vehicle in this instance would/should be cited and owner of vehicle would then take matter up with the valet service responsible for parking the vehicle in an accessible spot.*

*Helpful Contact Information:*

*Non-Emergency Dispatch number (805) 882-8900*

*Santa Barbara Community Development Code Enforcement (805) 897-2676*

*Santa Barbara Zoning Information (805) 564-5470 or (805) 564-5578*