

**Ordinance #2026-16**

**An Ordinance by the Municipality of Princeton Regulating Restricted Parking Spaces for Persons with Disabilities on Clay Street and Leigh Avenue and Amending Section B19-30 of the “Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1964” and Section T11-11.1 of the “Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey, 1968”**

**WHEREAS**, Princeton has established restricted parking spaces for the exclusive use of persons with disabilities under the authority granted by N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.5; and

**WHEREAS**, Princeton has determined that there exists a need to establish additional restricted parking spaces in the municipality and specifically on Clay Street and Leigh Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, sufficient space exists on Clay Street and on Leigh Avenue to accommodate restricted parking spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, the Engineering Department and the Council’s Traffic Safety Committee endorse the establishment of restricted parking spaces on these municipal streets.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of Princeton as follows:

Section 1. Section 19-30 of Chapter 19 of the “Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey (1974)” is hereby amended as follows (additions are underlined; deletions are [bracketed]):

**Sec. 19-30. [Handicapped] Restricted Parking.**

- (a) No person shall park a vehicle in any [designated handicapped] restricted parking space [as described] designated herein, unless said person has been issued a special vehicle identification card pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-205 by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and unless [the \_ handicapped]said person is either the driver or a passenger in that vehicle.
- (b) Any person parking [the] a vehicle in [the handicapped] a restricted parking space without a special vehicle identification card shall be liable for a fine of

\$250 for the first offense and for subsequent offenses, a fine of at least \$250 and up to 90 days community service on such terms and in such form as the court may deem appropriate or any combination thereof.

- (c) Restricted parking [S]spaces designated.
- (1) Palmer Square South, north side, one space 89 feet west of Palmer Square East.
  - (2) Parking yards.  
Park Place West Yard, [2] two spaces [as designated by the borough engineer]  
Maclean Street Yard, [2] two spaces [as designated by the borough engineer]  
Princeton Station Lot, [5] five spaces  
Princeton Station Retail Lot, [4] four spaces  
Monument Hall Parking Lot, four spaces in the south parking lot and one space on Monument Drive
  - (3) Spring Street Municipal Parking Garage, [nine] twenty-one spaces total throughout the garage [as duly designated].
  - (4) [Witherspoon Alley] Tulane Yard, south side of the entrance driveway, one space [as designated by the borough engineer].
  - (5) Clay Street, north side, one space beginning at a point 311 feet east of the easterly curb line of John Street.

Section 2. Section 11-11.1 of Chapter 11 of the “Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey (1968)” is hereby amended as follows (additions are underlined; deletions are [bracketed]):

**Section 11-11.1 [Handicapped] Restricted parking [zones]spaces.**

- (a) No person shall park a vehicle in the following designated [handicapped] restricted parking [zones]spaces, unless said person has been issued a special vehicle identification card, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-205 by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and unless said person is either the driver or a passenger in that vehicle:

Community Park North. Two spaces, one [to be located] in the northeast corner of said lot, closest to the existing pedestrian path and one [to be located as the last parking stall on] in the northwest corner of said lot closest to the existing restrooms.

[Community Park Pool parking lot. The six spaces designated therein as handicapped spaces].

Community Park South. Two spaces [to be] located on the north side, one space [to be] located at the westerly most end of said lot and one space [to be] located at the easterly most end of said lot.

Franklin Avenue. One space located on the southern side abutting property known as 391 Franklin Avenue starting at a point 645 feet west from the westerly curblineline of Leavitt Lane and extending a distance of 20 feet therefrom.

Jefferson Road. Jefferson Road, East side, two spaces directly in front of house numbers 77 and 79.

Leigh Avenue, south side, one space beginning at a point 106 feet west of the westerly curblineline of Witherspoon Street.

Princeton [Township] Municipal Complex Parking Lots. Four spaces located in north parking lot closest to police building entrance, [and two] four spaces located in south parking lot closest to [Human Services building] the Community Room building entrance, and three spaces closest to the Community Park Pool entrance.

Valley Road Building front parking lot. Three spaces utilizing entire lot.

Valley Road Building parking lot. One space in visitors' lot closest to Witherspoon Street.

Witherspoon Street. East side, two spaces opposite intersection with Birch Avenue.

- (b) [No person shall park a vehicle in any space on public or private property appropriately marked for vehicles for the physically handicapped accessible unless said person has been issued a special vehicle identification card

pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-205 by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.]

(b) [(c)] Any person parking a motor vehicle in a restricted parking space without a special vehicle identification card shall be liable to a fine of \$250 for the first offense and, for subsequent offenses, a fine of at least \$250 and up to 90 days community service on such terms and in such form as the court shall deem appropriate, or any combination thereof.

Section 3. The appropriate signs shall be posted to implement the requirements of this ordinance.

Section 4. All ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be published as required by law.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of Princeton held on March 9, 2026 and will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing thereon at a meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held March 23, 2026, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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Dawn M. Mount, Municipal Clerk

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Mark Freda, Mayor

The purpose of this ordinance is to update provisions of both the Township and Borough Codes regulating restricted parking spaces for persons with disabilities and designated new restricted parking spaces on Clay Street and Leigh Avenue, with an endorsement from the Engineering Department and Traffic Safety Committee.