

1. The Parking Area - Section 1129B

If there is a parking lot at the polling place, it shall provide accessible parking. The number of accessible spaces shall be provided according to Table 1 below. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 24, § 1129B.1.)

Table 1
Establishes the number of accessible spaces required.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES IN LOT OR GARAGE	MINIMUM REQUIRED NUMBER OF ACCESSIBLE SPACES
1-25	1
26-50	2
51-75	3
76-100	4
101-150	5
151-200	6
201-300	7
301-400	8
401-500	9
501-1,000	*
1,001 AND OVER	**
* Two Percent of Total	
** Twenty plus one for each 100, or fraction over 1,001.	

(Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 24, § 1129B, Table 11B-6.)

To use Table 1, count the total number of parking spaces in the parking lot or garage. If the total number of spaces is from 1 to 25, look in the right column to find that at least one of those 25 spaces must be an accessible space. If the total number of parking spaces is 520, multiply the 520 by 2 percent to determine that 10.4 accessible spaces are required. Round the 10.4 up to the next whole number to find that 11 is the correct number of accessible spaces required for that parking lot. To know how many of the accessible spaces must be configured as van-accessible refer to Table 2.

If off-street parking spaces are available at the polling place, at least one van-accessible parking space shall be designated for use by people with disabilities. For every eight accessible spaces, there shall be one van accessible space. (See Table 2 below.) The van accessible space shall be a minimum of 18 feet deep outlined to provide 9 feet for parking and 8 feet for loading and unloading. The loading and unloading access aisle shall be placed on the passenger side opposite the driver's side when the vehicle is going forward into the parking place. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 24, § 1129B.3.2.) See Figure 1

Table 2
The required number of van accessible spaces.

NUMBER OF ACCESSIBLE SPACES IN LOT OR GARAGE	MINIMUM REQUIRED VAN-ACCESSIBLE SPACES
1 to 8	1
9 to 16	2
17 to 24	3
25 to 32	4
33 to 40	5

(Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 24, § 1129B.3.2.)

Additional auto accessible spaces, if required by Table 1, shall be a minimum of 14 feet wide and outlined to provide 9 feet for parking and 5 feet for the loading and unloading access aisle. The minimum length of each parking space shall be 18 feet. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 24, § 1129B.3.1.) The accessible parking spaces and loading/unloading areas shall not exceed 2 percent in slope in any direction. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 24, § 1129B.3.4.)

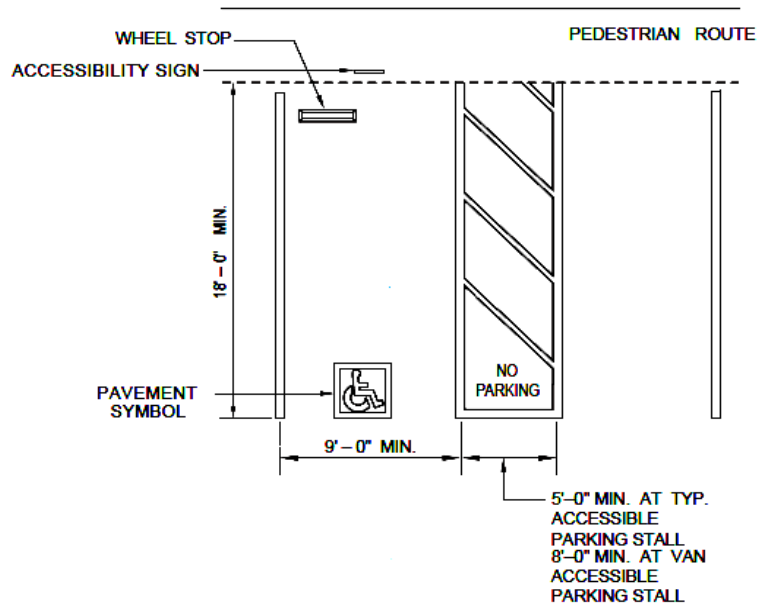


Figure 1

The distance from the designated accessible parking area to the voting area shall be on the shortest accessible route to the accessible voting area entrance(s). (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 24, § 1129B.1.) The shorter the distance the easier it is for voters with heart and lung conditions or other mobility disabilities to vote on Election Day. To provide an accessible path of travel that is also a safe path of travel, the accessible parking spaces shall be arranged so a voter using an accessible space is not required to travel behind any vehicle other than their own. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 24, § 1129B.3.) The requirement for a stable, firm, and slip-resistant path of travel found in Section 2 Path of Travel shall also apply to the accessible parking space and access aisle surfaces. (Cal. Code Regs., § 1124B.1.)

Every accessible parking space shall be clearly marked by a sign having the required International Symbol of Accessibility (ISA). The sign shall be viewable from each space. The words "van accessible" shall be added underneath the ISA if the space is intended to be van accessible. Accessible parking signage shall be placed adjacent to each parking space in a way that allows the sign to be seen when a vehicle is parked in the accessible space. If the sign is placed in a path of travel, the bottom of the sign shall be located at least 80 inches above the path of travel surface. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 24, § 1129B.4.) See Figure 2.



Figure 2

At polling places where parking is provided in a parking structure, all vehicular entrances to and vertical clearances within the parking structure that lead to the accessible parking spaces shall have a minimum vertical clearance of 8 feet 2 inches. This height is required to ensure a safe vehicular path of travel to the accessible parking spaces. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 24, § 1130B.)

Drop off zones, shown in Figure 3, may be provided at some polling places. These drop-off zones shall have a 5 foot by 20 foot level area for passengers to exit a vehicle or wait for pick-up. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 24, § 1131B.1.) If the waiting area and the vehicle stopping area are not separated by a curb, there shall be strip of yellow detectable warning surface material between the vehicular and pedestrian areas. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 24, § 1133B.8.5.)

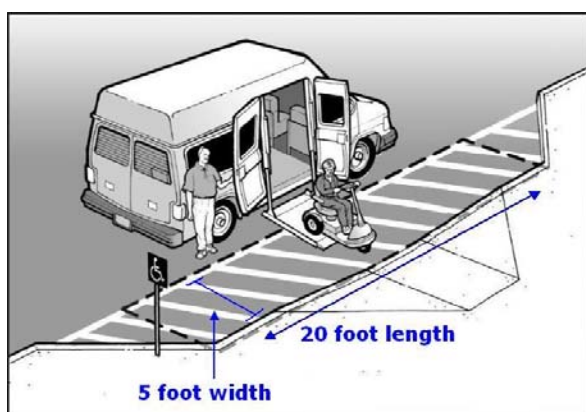


Figure 3

When necessary, temporary modifying equipment or measures may be used to provide compliance at accessible parking spaces.