

## INSPECTIONS SUMMARY REPORT

Type of Request: Residential Handicap Parking Sign Application

Name of Applicant: **Phyllis Richter**

Address: **88 Hemlock Street**

The following Departments have **no objections** to the issuance of said license:

- Police   X
- Fire   X

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(see attached)

- Police
- Fire

# ARLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

**CHIEF OF POLICE**  
Frederick Ryan



*Town of Arlington*  
MASSACHUSETTS 02474

POLICE HEADQUARTERS  
112 Mystic Street  
Telephone 781-316-3900  
Facsimile 781-316-3919

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Marie Krepelka  
Board Administrator

FROM: Officer Corey P. Rateau  
Traffic and Parking Unit

DATE: August 5, 2015

RE: Residential Handicap Parking Request – 88 Hemlock Street

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Per your request, The Arlington Police Department Traffic and Parking Unit looked into a petition Mrs. Phyliss Rickter to have a handicap parking space placed at their residence at 88 Hemlock Street. The proposed location would be on the Epping Street side of their property near the walkway leading to their side entrance. After examining the property and speaking with the Rickters, there is no objection to the designation of such a space.

The Rickters are already aware that the space is not theirs exclusively and that anyone with a handicap placard/plate would be allowed park there. Additionally, they should be advised that the space may not be used during declared snow emergencies and also that unless otherwise permitted, a handicap placard does not allow a vehicle to park on the public way in violation of an instituted overnight parking ban (as so listed on page 18 in the Disability Rights Laws in Massachusetts booklet from the Massachusetts Office on Disability).

If approved and necessary, I will gladly meet with DPW to point out suitable location for the sign.

CPR

Cc: Frederick Ryan, Chief of Police  
Capt. Julie Flaherty, Support Services Commander  
Lt. Paul Conroy, OIC, Traffic and Parking Unit  
Arlington Fire Department Operations  
Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager

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**From:** "John Kelly (Fire Dept)" <JKelly@town.arlington.ma.us>  
**To:** "MaryAnn Sullivan" <MSullivan@town.arlington.ma.us>  
**Date:** 08/04/2015 04:05 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Residential Handicap Parking Request 88 Hemlock St.

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I have no problems with this.

Thank You

Deputy Chief John R Kelly  
Arlington Fire Dept.  
Operations Division  
781-316-3803

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**TOWN OF ARLINGTON**  
**Residential Handicap Parking Sign Application**

Name: PHYLLIS RICKTER

Address: 88 HEMLOCK ST.

Telephone: Home: 781 643 7575 Work: SAME

Date: JULY 30, 2015

Please read the Board of Selectmen Residential Handicap Parking Sign Policy prior to completing this application. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact the Office of the Board of Selectmen.

1. Please attach a photocopy of your handicap placard, or documentation that you have a handicap plate. It is not necessary to attach any additional documentation.
2. Are you the owner of your residence? YES
3. Do you have off-street parking? YES
4. If yes, how many off-street spaces? 1

On the reverse side of this page, please provide the general reasons why the granting of such a space will increase your ability to access/egress your home. When providing your reasoning, you should address those questions listed in the Off-Street Parking section of the Board's policy, found on page two, that are relevant to your application.

When you have completed this application, and attached a photocopy of your placard, or documentation of your plate, please forward your application to the Office of the Board of Selectmen. Within two weeks you will be contacted regarding your application.



# Application for Handicapped Parking Sign

## Town of Arlington, MA 30 July 2015

I have difficulty with mobility and am legally blind. My husband, Don Rickter, is helping me fill out this paperwork. It is no longer possible for me to walk down the steep stairs to our garage under our house at 88 Hemlock Street. We live on a difficult hill, at the corner of Epping Street. He is able to drive our car, our only car, to the back door of our house, on Epping Street, where there is a street-level path. The two of us are able to get out to the car if no one has parked at the end of the path. Sometimes we have to ask drivers to have the courtesy to park elsewhere. If there were a "Handicapped Parking" space it would provide us with peace of mind, giving us the opportunity to leave quickly for a doctor's appointment. The requested space would provide direct and convenient access to our car (unless there is ice or snow -- not so convenient, but the best we can do).

Sometimes I use my Rollator, but I always rely on it or my cane.  
I do not use oxygen or a wheelchair.

We own a single-family house at 88 Hemlock Street, since the house was brand-new in December 1969. It is in better shape than we are.

We live at a busy intersection in a neighborhood which has frequent parties; many cars of visitors may park at our end of Epping Street.

The desired space would not impact traffic flow or access by fire apparatus. The nearest hydrant is a block away.

At the present time there are no other people in the neighborhood who use a Handicap Placard. We realize the space would be available to any vehicle with such a placard.

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**Expires:**

**02-26-20**

**Disabled Persons  
Parking Identification Placard**



**RICKTER**

**PHYLLIS**

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**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts**







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**Massachusetts Commission for the Blind**  
48 Boylston Street Boston, MA 02116-4718

**Certificate of Blindness**

This is to certify that the person whose name appears below is registered as blind under the provisions of Section 136 Chapter 6 of the General Laws of Massachusetts. This person has remained continuously registered as blind since

August 3 2011

Date of Registration

101831

Registration Number

September 13 2011

Date of Issue

*Janet L. LaBreck*  
Commissioner

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TOWN OF ARLINGTON  
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August 10, 2015

Phyllis Rickter  
88 Hemlock Street  
Arlington, MA 02474

Dear Mrs. Rickter:

The Board of Selectmen will be discussing your request for a residential handicap parking space at their meeting on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> in the Selectmen's Chambers, Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. The meeting begins at 7:15 p.m. You or your representative is invited to be in attendance at this meeting.

Kindly call the office of the Board of Selectmen to confirm the date and time with either Mary Ann or Fran.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie A. Krepelka".

Marie A. Krepelka  
Board Administrator

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