



Sidewalk Accessibility Guide

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Federal, State & Local Requirements

Providing Accessible Routes and Features is Required by Law

In 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed into law to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the public.

Maintaining Accessible Routes

It is important that every building owner, business owner, and homeowner do their part in ensuring that our sidewalks are maintained and free of obstructions that may prevent the passage of an individual with a disability. Common obstructions in Residential neighborhoods include tables, chairs, sprinklers, hoses, basketball hoops, garbage cans, snow during the winter months, and yard sale signs or boxes. Common obstructions in business districts include sandwich board signs, planters, vehicle overhang, merchandise, and snow during the winter months.

Prosser Municipal Code Section 12.05.050 requires property owners to maintain the sidewalk(s) abutting their property which includes the removal of snow and ice during the winter months as this can be extremely hazardous for pedestrians.

The City of Prosser allows business owners and/or building owners located in the Commercial Downtown (CD) District to utilize the portion of the sidewalk closest to the exterior wall and directly in front of their building. At no point is a business or building owner allowed to reduce the clear width of the sidewalk to less than 4 feet per Prosser Municipal Code 12.16.030 (B). Where there is an accessible route with a clear width less than 60 inches, a passing space every 200 feet is required. The size of this passing space is required to be a 60-inch by 60-inch area minimum.

Vehicle Overhang

When measuring the clear width of the sidewalk owners must take into account the clearance from obstructions listed above as well as the potential for a parked vehicle to overhang and encroach into the usable portion of the sidewalk. The City also asks that visitors and residents be mindful of how they park as to help avoid any obstruction by their vehicle into the sidewalks.

Have Questions or Concerns?

The City of Prosser is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are provided with safe and accessible routes throughout the City of Prosser. If residents or visitors have any questions or concerns regarding accessibility, the City encourages you to reach out to City Hall during normal business hours, which is located at 1002 Dudley Ave or by phone at (509) 786-2332.



Example of an Accessible Route

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT \(MAIN PAGE\)](#)
- [ADA UPDATE: A PRIMER FOR SMALL BUSINESSES \(ADA.GOV\)](#)
- [NORTHWEST ADA CENTER ACCESSIBILITY CHECKLISTS](#)