

# White Salmon City Operations Committee Meeting

## A G E N D A

November 26, 2024 – 4:00 PM

100 N Main Ave

Meeting ID: 854 5728 2896

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### Welcome

### Discussion Items

1. Waste Management Grant Opportunities
2. Residential Disabled Parking Permits

### Next Meeting

**Needs Legal Review:** No, not initially, but once a program comes to Council it should have a legal review.

**Meeting Date:** November 26, 2024

**Agenda Item:** Require Staff to Development a **Residential Disabled Parking Permits:**

**Presented:** By Patricia Fink, City Councilor and Operations Committee Member

### **Action Required:**

Recommend that City Staff come forward with a **Residential Disabled Parking Permit program** that would allow Council to review and vote on whether they should residents with disabilities to apply in specific conditions, for a designated accessible parking space near their home.

### **Motion for Business Item / Proposed Motion for Consent Agenda:**

Motion for Staff to come back with a viable residential disabled parking permit program.

### **Explanation of Issue:**

At our last meeting a local resident testified during public comments that she would like to be able to have the City designate an handicapped on-street parking space in front of her apartment. She noted that on-street parking is limited in her area and that her disability makes it difficult to do daily tasks if she must walk to access her vehicle.

Several larger cities have developed Residential Disabled Parking Permits that can be approved in specific conditions. Below is an AI overview of three such permit programs and the and the criteria they use to determine eligibility.

The recommendations is public works, code enforcement and police work together to develop a similar program that can be reviewed by Council at the second meeting of January 2025.

### **Seattle, Washington**

- **Criteria:** Residents must have a valid permanent Washington State Disabled Parking Permit. Conditions include having a small driveway or garage that cannot accommodate the current vehicle, a steep incline or decline in off-street parking areas, or no off-street parking area<sup>1</sup>.
- **Process:** Residents can request the installation of a disabled parking space adjacent to their residence.

### **Baltimore, Maryland**

- **Criteria:** Applicants must have a permanent disability that severely limits their mobility. They must not have accessible off-street parking such as a driveway, garage, or parking pad on their property<sup>2</sup>. Additionally, they must be unable to utilize any form of public transportation, relying solely on operating a personal vehicle.
- **Process:** Residents can apply for a residential disabled parking space through the city's parking department.

## **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

- **Criteria:** Similar to other cities, residents must have a permanent disability that limits their mobility. They must demonstrate the need for an accessible parking space due to the lack of off-street parking or other accessibility issues<sup>2</sup>.
- **Process:** Residents can apply for a residential disabled parking permit through the city's parking authority.

### **Council Options:**

City Council has the following options available at this time:

1. Accept the Recommendation from the Ops Committee.
2. Revise the Recommendation from the Ops Committee.
3. Other action as desired by the council.

### **Fiscal Analysis:**

A Residential Disabled Parking Permit program could require some staff time to develop and implement – but once implemented the estimated number of residents utilizing this option is likely to be low and costs would be nominal.

### **Recommendation of Staff/Committee:**

Operations Committee recommends having staff work on a residential disabled parking permit program.