

## YELLOW ZONES

Active freight loading and unloading by commercial vehicles



Yellow zones are typically used for large businesses or properties that receive or deliver a lot of shipments. They are for active loading and unloading by commercial vehicles only (those with a commercial license plate).

## BLUE ZONES

Persons with disabilities



A blue zone designates parking spaces for persons with a valid disabled parking permit. Blue zones are normally located in areas with high public use, such as in dense commercial areas and near public parks and playgrounds, where the blue zones can serve a large number of individuals.

Blue zones are not established to serve a specific individual or a small, select group of individuals.

## FEES & RENEWAL

For green and white zones, fees vary depending on the size of the zone.

Call 311 or visit [www.sfmta.com/NewColorCurb](http://www.sfmta.com/NewColorCurb) for more details.

## Public Hearing Process

Public hearings on the installation of new color curb zones are held once a month at City Hall. The hearing allows for public comment regarding proposed changes to San Francisco streets. The hearing officer will review the items, consider possible opposition, and then make a final decision.

A public notice of the proposed change is posted in the vicinity of the proposed zone approximately 10 days before the hearing date. Agendas are posted on the SFMTA website at [www.sfmta.com/about-sfmta/organization/committees/color-curb-hearings](http://www.sfmta.com/about-sfmta/organization/committees/color-curb-hearings).

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# How to Apply

## How to apply for a color curb zone near your business, residence or school:

- Call 311 to submit your application over the phone, or visit [www.sfmta.com/NewColorCurb](http://www.sfmta.com/NewColorCurb)
- If you are applying for a green or white zone (businesses) or a driveway red zone (residences), you must pay the non refundable application fee before we process your request. There is no application fee for yellow zones, used for commercial loading, and blue zones, which designate parking for persons with disabilities.
- Applications are usually processed within 30 days. The installation of approved zones may take up to 90 days depending on the complexity of the zone.
- Application fees are nonrefundable and cannot be combined with paint or installation fees. Do not pay any paint or installation fees when applying; we will send you an invoice when those fees are due.

## I've applied for a color curb, what's next?

### YELLOW, GREEN, WHITE AND BLUE ZONES

- We review your request and determine whether to recommend the new color curb for installation.
- If we recommend installation, a public hearing will be scheduled at City Hall. You will receive notification by mail of the hearing date, time and location, and public notices will be posted in the vicinity of the proposed zone.
- Some curb colors require fees to establish them. If your request is approved at the public hearing, you will need to pay all applicable fees.
- The SFMTA completes the permitting process and installs the zone as scheduling permits.

### DRIVEWAY RED ZONE

No public hearing is required. Once we receive your nonrefundable application fee, we will process and review your request. After our investigation is complete, we will send you an invoice for installation or a response with our recommendation.

## RED ZONES "No Parking" zones



Red zones may be installed near intersection corners, at bus stops, at fire hydrants, at curb ramps or at the edges of driveways.

Driveway red zones typically take up two feet on each side of the driveway. They provide additional clearance for vehicles entering and exiting driveways.

Driveway red zones are not required to be renewed at regular intervals. Renewal requests are treated as new requests and must include the nonrefundable application fee. Renewal requests are subject to the same assessment as new applications and may not necessarily be approved. Paint fees are applicable if the renewal request is approved.

### Common reasons for denying driveway red zone requests:

- Parking spaces would be lost
- A driveway is improperly constructed, or does not lead to an actively used garage.

## GREEN ZONES Short-term parking (not exceeding 10 minutes)



Green zones are intended for establishments where transactions tend to take less than 10 minutes, such as dry cleaners, florists, small neighborhood grocery/deli convenience stores,

shoe repair shops, postal shipping centers, and some hardware stores. Green zones are for public use and are not reserved for particular establishments. Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

If approved at the public hearing, painted green zones are required to be renewed every two years.

### Common reasons for denying green zone requests:

- Private off-street parking is available
- There are already limited-time zones nearby
- The establishment's transactions are not predominantly short-term in nature

## WHITE ZONES Passenger loading and unloading



White zones are intended for establishments with active passenger loading and unloading, such as hospitals, senior centers, hotels, theaters, places of worship or assembly, schools, and government buildings. Certain medical offices, restaurants, and residential buildings may also qualify. Time limits are typically 5 minutes, and the driver must remain with the vehicle at all times (limited exceptions apply at preschools and hospitals).

### Common reasons for denying white zone requests:

- Private off-street parking is available
- Seating or unit requirements are not met
- There are adjacent passenger loading zones nearby