

# Handicapped parking

The Common Council is considering increasing the present \$4 fine for illegally parking in handicapped spaces to \$25. Seeing physically fit people who look like they could finish a 26-mile marathon park in a "handicapped only" parking space and skip five feet into a store while a person on crutches has to park a considerable distance due to lack of parking space closer and have to negotiate on ice and snow, or in fair weather dodge vehicles to get to their destination, the \$4 fine isn't enough for violators! More power to the council if they increase the fine.

Even though we have the opportunity to park close to our destination, those of us who are blessed and can be thankful we are not handicapped should park further away and walk with a spring in our step and a smile on our face. Not only will we have the benefit of improved mental and physical health with the extra exercise and the burning of additional calories but there's less chance of someone "dinging" our vehicle!

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