

Shrewsbury Housing Authority

Francis Gardens Development Parking Policy

At the Shrewsbury Housing Authority ("SHA") Francis Gardens Development ("FG"), there are ninety-five (95) tenant parking spaces and one hundred (100) apartments. Although there are fewer spaces than apartments, a number of tenants do not own cars; thus, tenants can generally find a parking spot. A number of tenants have disabilities, and some of these tenants have handicapped parking placards. In order to ensure that our handicapped tenants can reliably locate an available parking spot located close to their apartment, the authority is implementing this policy.

The SHA has three categories of tenants who use cars. 1. Three quarters of FG tenant drivers are not handicapped. 2. Although the numbers of tenants with handicapped placards changes all the time, in general, approximately a quarter of tenant drivers have these placards, and they can only walk a short distance to their vehicles. 3. There are occasionally tenants whose medical professionals tell us that their patients have particularly serious mobility-related disabilities and that these tenants cannot use their vehicles unless they are parked the shortest distance possible from their doors. Under state and federal law, the SHA is required to reasonably accommodate handicapped tenants. For these reasons, the SHA parking policy is as follows:

1. Staff will inquire about whether tenants have a handicapped parking placard at lease-up. All tenants with such placards will file a copy of the placard with the SHA office.
2. Staff will assign specific spaces to the few tenants whose medical professionals have documented that using the closest parking spot available is a medical necessity (not merely helpful, beneficial or convenient) due to the tenant's serious mobility-related disability.
3. Staff will place "handicapped tenant parking only" signs in a number of spaces at least equal to the number of tenants who have handicapped placards at any given time. Tenants who have registered their handicapped placard with the office may park in these spots. These spaces are not specifically assigned, thus any tenant who has registered their handicapped placard with the office may park in any of the spaces designated "handicapped tenant parking only." These spots will be positioned as close as possible to the apartments of tenants known to have handicapped placards. "Handicapped tenant parking" designations may change as tenants move in and out, and as the SHA accommodates seriously mobility-impaired tenants.
4. The remaining spaces will be open to other tenants who have registered their cars with the SHA on a first-come/first-served basis. "Tenant Parking Only" signs will be posted in tenant parking areas.

5. Visitors to FG must park in the visitor lot which will be clearly marked. Tenants are responsible to supervise their guests' parking and direct them to the visitor lot. Tenants will be held responsible for guests who park in tenant parking spaces.
6. Handicapped tenants in any of the categories listed above who cannot reliably find a parking space in close proximity to their apartment should contact the Executive Director who will consult with legal on the appropriate solution.

Adopted: On June 15th, 2016

REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHREWSBURY HOUSING AUTHORITY

DATE: June 15, 2016

WHERE: Shrewsbury Towers

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT 4

VOTE unanimous

Richard Ricker
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Debbie Bergen
Executive Director