ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL BUILDING PERMIT SUBMITTALS

Details and documentation must be provided with every building permit submittal for all occupancies governed by Chapters 11A & 11B of the California Building Code. Applications for permits for Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, and Multi-Family projects must contain the following:

New Construction:
1. Full details including all dimensions, clearances, slopes, cross-slopes, clear spaces, reach ranges, operable parts, signage, and communication devices for every element that is required to be accessible.

Additions & alterations:
1. The entire addition or area of alteration must provide full details including all dimensions, clearances, slopes, cross-slopes, clear spaces, reach ranges, operable parts, signage, and communication devices for every element that is required to be accessible.
2. In-addition to all new work requiring full compliance; an accessible path of travel (CBC 11B-202.4) to the specific area of alteration or addition shall be provided. The items that must be shown on every plan (with applicable details showing compliance) are:
   - Accessible Path of Travel to the Area of Alteration or Addition:
     a. Accessible Parking and accessible path from it to Area of Alteration
     b. A primary entrance to the building or facility.
     c. Toilet and bathing facilities serving the area.
     d. Drinking fountains serving the area.
     e. Public telephones serving the area.
     f. Signs.

Note: If full compliance cannot be obtained; an Unreasonable Hardship may be requested (CBC 202.4, #8). In choosing which accessible elements to provide, priority should be given to those elements that will provide the greatest access in the following order:
   a. An accessible entrance;
   b. An accessible route to the altered area;
   c. At least one accessible restroom for each sex or one accessible unisex (single-user or family restroom);
   d. Accessible telephones;
   e. Accessible drinking fountains; and
   f. When possible, additional accessible elements such as parking, signs, storage and alarms.

If exceptions are to be requested; compliance documentation in the form of a “Unreasonable Hardship OverThresh – 2019” and/or “Unreasonable Hardship UnderThresh – 2019” must be completed and submitted. All items identified as elements used to satisfy the exception must be identified and clearly detailed (all measurements, clearances, slopes, cross-slopes and/or clear spaces) on the plans.

The document(s) to use for “Unreasonable Hardship OverThresh – 2019” and/or “Unreasonable Hardship UnderThresh – 2019” can be found at: https://srcity.org/DocumentCenter/Index/172

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