

BUILDING CODE MANUAL COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION Based on the 2017 LACBC

SUMMARY OF ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES FOR COMMERCIAL PROJECTS

The provisions of Section 11B-202.4 Exception 8 apply to existing buildings or facilities used as public buildings, public accommodations, commercial buildings, or public housing. When these buildings or facilities undergo alterations, structural repairs, or additions, an accessible path of travel must be provided to the specific area of construction.

When the adjusted construction cost¹ of **alterations, structural repairs, or additions to existing buildings and facilities** within three years of the original alteration does not exceed a valuation threshold of **\$161,298.00**, the cost of compliance with Section 11B-202.4 of the 2016 California Building Code shall be limited to 20 percent of the adjusted construction cost of alterations, structural repairs, or additions. When the cost of full compliance with 11B-202.4 would exceed 20 percent, compliance shall be provided to the greatest extent possible without exceeding 20 percent. (This valuation is based on the average Construction Cost Index taken from the January 1981 ENR magazine. Such information is posted by the Division of the State Architect at the following website: www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/programs/progAccess/threshold.aspx).

In choosing which accessible elements to provide, priority should be given to those elements that will provide the greatest access in the following order:

- 1. An accessible entrance;
- 2. An accessible route to the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition (see definition of accessible route Section 202 and 11B-206.2.1 for more information on accessible routes and site arrival points);
- 3. At least one accessible restroom for each sex serving the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition;
- 4. Accessible telephones, if provided, serving the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition;
- 5. Accessible drinking fountains, if provided, serving the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition; and
- 6. When possible, additional accessible elements such as parking, storage, and alarms.

Applicants who use this criterion shall complete the Summary of Accessibility Upgrades Form A and affix a copy of the final, approved form to the plans. Office Manager/Section Head shall review, approve, and scan the approved form into the Document Management System.

¹ Adjusted cost of construction does not include the cost of alterations to path of travel elements required to be upgraded outside the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition.

Supersedes BCM 11B-202.4 Article 1 dated 01-01-17



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(Form "A")

(For existing buildings where the adjusted construction cost is less than or equal to \$161,298.00 (rev. 1/2017) Sec. 11B-202.4 Exception 8)

Project Address:				Application No.		
Project Description/Location:			Permit Valuation:			
Type: 🛛 Alteration 🗆 Structural Repair 🗆 Addition			*Adjusted Cost of Proposed Construction:			
PATH OF TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS FOR AREA OF ALTERATION, STRUCTURAL REPAIR, OR ADDITION						
Accessible Features		accessibi	sting feature meet lity standards of Chapter e current CBC?	Will this feature be repl altered to meet Chapter the current CBC?	aced or r 11B of	If so, how much will be spent to make this feature accessible?
1. Accessible entrance						
2. Accessible route to the altered area						
3. Accessible restroom for each sex or a unisex restroom						
4. Accessible telephones						
5. Accessible drinking fountains						
6. Other (Any of the below)						
A. Acces	sible parking spaces					
B. Signs						
C. Alarm	S					
D. Other:						
Cost of All Features Provided (A)		Summary of costs of Accessible Features Nos. 1-6 provided above.				
Total Cost on Same Path of Travel (B)		Cost of Proposed Construction and Cost of Preceding Alterations.				
Percentage Upgrades Provided (A / B)		Cost of all Features Provided / Total Cost on Same Path of Travel.				
Description of Access Features Provided:						
Applicant Certification						
I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.						
Signature:	Da			Company:		
Name:(print)			Address:			
Title:			City, State Zip:			
Agent for: Owner Architect Engineer Contract			ntractor P	Phone No.:		
For Building Official Use Only						
Approved by:		Title:		Date:	/ /	

*If an area has been altered without providing an accessible path of travel to that area, and subsequent alterations of that area or a different area on the same path of travel are undertaken within three years of the original alteration, the total cost of alterations to the areas on that path of travel during the preceding three-year period shall be considered in determining whether the cost of making that path of travel accessible is disproportionate.

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