



**BUILDING CODE MANUAL
LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION
Based on 2026 LACBC**

**NO. 009
11B-202.4
Article 1
1-1-2026
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**SUMMARY OF ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
PUBLIC ACCOMODATIONS, COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, AND PUBLIC HOUSING**

The provisions in Section 11B-202.4 Exception 8 of the Los Angeles County Building Code (LACBC) 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 3 years of the original alteration does not exceed a valuation threshold of \$209,208, the cost of compliance with Section 11B-202.4 of the LACBC shall be limited to 20 percent of the adjusted construction cost of alterations, structural repairs, or additions. When the cost of full compliance with Section 11B-202.4 of the LACBC exceeds 20 percent, compliance shall be provided to the greatest extent possible without exceeding 20 percent. The annual valuation threshold is based on the January 1981 threshold of \$50,000 as adjusted using the Engineering News-Record 20 Cities Construction Cost index. This index is published by Engineering News-Record, McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, in January of each year. Such information is posted by the Division of the State Architect at the following website: <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/DSA/Resources/Access-Compliance-Reference-Materials>

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 in Section 202, and 11B-206.2.1 of the LACBC for more information on accessible routes and site arrival points).
3. At least one accessible restroom for each sex or one accessible unisex (single-use or family) restroom serving the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition.
4. Accessible telephones, if provided, serving the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition.

¹Adjusted 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.

5. Accessible drinking fountains, if provided, serving the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition.
6. When possible, additional accessible elements such as parking, signs, storage, and alarms.

Applicants who use this criterion shall complete the attached Form A Summary of Accessibility Upgrades to Public Buildings, Public Accommodations, Commercial Buildings, and Public Housing, and attach a copy of the final approved form to the plans. The Office Manager/Section Head shall review, approve, and scan the approved form into EPIC-LA under the permit application, and into the Document Center.

Supersedes BCM 11B-202.4, Article 1, dated 1-1-2026.

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(For existing buildings where the adjusted construction cost is less than or equal to \$209,208 (rev. 1/2026) Sec. 11B-2024 Exception 8)

Project Address:		Application No.	
Project Description/Location:		Permit Valuation:	
Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Alteration <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Repair <input type="checkbox"/> Addition		Adjusted Cost of Proposed Construction:	
PATH OF TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS FOR AREA OF ALTERATION, STRUCTURAL REPAIR, OR ADDITION			
Accessible Features	Does existing feature meet accessibility standards of Chapter 11B of the current CBC?	Will this feature be replaced or altered to meet Chapter 11B of the current CBC?	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 unisex (single-use or family) restroom			
4. Accessible telephones			
5. Accessible drinking fountains			
6. Other (Any of the below)			
A. Accessible parking spaces			
B. Signs			
C. Alarms			
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:		Date:	Company:
Name: (print)		Address:	
Title:		City, State, Zip Code:	
Agent for: <input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Architect <input type="checkbox"/> Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor		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 3 years of the original alteration, the total cost of alterations to the areas on that path of travel during the preceding 3-year period shall be considered in determining whether the cost of making that path of travel accessible is disproportionate.