



CONSTRUCTION HARDSHIP FORM FOR PROJECTS THAT EXCEED THE VALUATION THRESHOLD

The provisions of California Building Code (CBC) Section 11B-202.4, Exception 8, apply to existing buildings and facilities used as public buildings, public accommodations, commercial buildings, or public housing. When **existing buildings** or facilities undergo alterations, structural repairs, or additions, an accessible path of travel shall 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** exceeds a valuation threshold of \$209,208 (2026), **and the Building Official determines the cost of full compliance to be an unreasonable hardship**, the cost of compliance with Section 11B-202.4 of the 2025 California Building Code shall be a minimum of 20% of the adjusted construction cost of alterations, structural repairs and additions. Additional accessibility compliance is encouraged; the valuation threshold for path of travel upgrades (stated above) is a minimum code requirement.

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

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

Please complete the attached worksheet and submit it to the building division with your submittal package. The submittal package should also include existing and proposed site and floor plans for the proposed accessibility improvements.

Please note that this request for hardship is subject to approval by the Building Official.

Additionally, barrier removal is an ongoing obligation for the federally mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and this application does not exempt the applicant of any obligations to remove barriers in a reasonable time frame. By signing this report you acknowledge that you understand this 20% is for this addition/alteration alone.

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²When completing this form, only include accessibility features along the path of travel to the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition as part of your upgrade valuation (see item (A)) Areas of alteration, structural repair, and addition are required to be fully compliant.

³If 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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Project Address:				Application No.:			
Project Description/Location:				Permit Valuation: \$			
Type ☐ Alteration ☐ Structural Repair ☐ Addition							

2,3PATH OF TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS FOR AREA OF ALTERATION, STRUCTURAL REPAIR, OR ADDITION						
<u>Accessible Features</u>	Does the existing feature meet all accessibility standards of Chapter 11B of the current CBC?		Will this feature be replaced or altered to meet CBC 11B-202.4, exception 8?			If so, how much will be spent to make this feature accessible?
	Yes	No	Yes	Partial	No	
1. Accessible entrance	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	\$
2. Accessible route to the altered area	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	\$
3. Accessible restroom for each sex or a unisex restroom serving the	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	\$
4. Accessible telephones	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	\$
5. Accessible drinking fountains	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	\$
6. Other (Any of the below)						
A. Accessible parking spaces	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	\$
B. Signs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	\$
C. Alarms	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	\$
D. Other:	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	\$
Total cost of Accessible Features Nos. 1-6 replaced or altered to meet CBC 11B-202.4, Exception 8 (A)						\$
1Adjusted Construction Cost (B) = [Permit Valuation – (A)]						\$
Percentage Upgrades Provided (A / B)*100						%
Description of Access Features Provided:						
Hardship Request:						
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:			
Agent for:	☐ Owner ☐ Architect ☐ Engineer ☐ Contractor		Phone No.:			
For Building Official Use Only						
Approved by:		Title:		Date:		

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Project Address:			Application No.: 24-0001			
Project Description/Location:			Permit Valuation: \$180,000			
Type ☒ Alteration ☐ Structural Repair ☐ Addition						
^{2,3}PATH OF TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS FOR AREA OF ALTERATION, STRUCTURAL REPAIR, OR ADDITION						
<u>Accessible Features</u>	Does the existing feature meet all accessibility standards of Chapter 11B of the current CBC?		Will this feature be replaced or altered to meet CBC 11B-202.4, exception 8?			If so, how much will be spent to make this feature accessible?
	Yes	No	Yes	Partial	No	
1. Accessible entrance	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	\$2,400
2. Accessible route to the altered area	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	\$26,000
3. Accessible restroom for each sex or a unisex restroom serving the	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	\$8,000
4. Accessible telephones	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	N/A
5. Accessible drinking fountains	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	N/A
6. Other (Any of the below)						
A. Accessible parking spaces	☐	☒	☒	☐	☐	\$1,100
B. Signs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	\$
C. Alarms	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	\$
D. Other:	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	\$
Total cost of Accessible Features Nos. 1-6 replaced or altered to meet CBC 11B-202.4, exception 8 (A)						\$37,500
¹ Adjusted Construction Cost (B) = [Permit Valuation – (A)]						\$142,500
Percentage Upgrades Provided (A / B)*100						26%
Description of Access Features Provided:						
No drinking fountains or telephones provided on site. New entrance landing, new accessible features for the restrooms, properly mark and identify the accessible parking area, and 27 cubic yards of concrete (189 feet of new sidewalk)						
Hardship Request: 345 linear feet of exterior sidewalk that exceeds 2.08% cross slope. The additional cost for this work is around \$40,000, and without this request approval, the project will be too expensive to proceed. Please see attached implementation plan and my justification for approval.						
Applicant Certification						
I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.						
Signature:	Matt Roehm		Date: 02/15/2023	Company:	Matt's Smithing and Wesson	
Name: (print)	Matt Roehm		Address:	123 Huckleberry Lane		
Title:	Architect of Record		City, State, Zip:	Oroville, CA 95965		
Agent for:	☒ Owner ☒ Architect ☐ Engineer ☐ Contractor		Phone No.:	555-555-5555		
For Building Official Use Only						
Approved by:		Title:		Date:		

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