

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION
TO BUILDING STANDARDS OF THE
DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT (DSA-AC)
REGARDING THE 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE,
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 2
(DSA-AC 01-19)**

Note to agencies: The laws associated with the instructions in this form are found primarily in Government Code Section 11346.5 et sequentes. For clarity during the administrative review process, do not remove the headings or statutory references to applicable sections being completed.

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on behalf of the Division of the State Architect (DSA-AC) proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 2. DSA-AC is proposing building standards related to 2019 California Building Code.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(17).

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from **April 3, 2020**, until 5:00 PM on **May 18, 2020**.

Please address your comments to:

California Building Standards Commission
Attention: Mia Marvelli, Executive Director
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833

Written comments may also be emailed to CBSC@dgs.ca.gov.

Any interested person, or his or her duly authorized representative, may request no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period that a public hearing be held.

The public will have an opportunity to provide both written and/or oral comments regarding the proposed action on building standards at a public meeting to be conducted by the CBSC to be scheduled at a date near the end of the current adoption cycle. A meeting notice will be issued announcing the date, time and location of the public meeting.

POST-HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18).

Following the public comment period, CBSC may adopt the proposed building standards substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications that are sufficiently related to the original proposed text and notice of proposed changes. If modifications are made, the full text of the proposed modifications, clearly indicated, will be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which the CBSC adopts, amends, or repeals the regulation(s). CBSC will accept written comments on the modified building standards during the 15-day period.

NOTE: To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modifications.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(2).

The CBSC proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Section 18928. For DSA-AC, the purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of Government Code Sections 4450 through 4461, 12955.1 and 14679; Health and Safety Code Sections 18949.1 and 19952 through 19959; and Vehicle Code Section 22511.8.

The Division of the State Architect is proposing this regulatory action based on Government Code Section 4450.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3).

Summary of Existing Laws

Government Code Section 4450 authorizes the State Architect to develop regulations for making buildings, structures, sidewalks, curbs, and related facilities accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities.

Summary of Existing Regulations

Existing regulations promulgated by DSA-AC are contained in the California Building Code (Title 24, Part 2). These regulations are applicable to:

1. Publicly funded buildings, structures, sidewalks, curbs and related facilities;
2. Privately funded public accommodations and commercial facilities;
3. Public housing and private housing available for public use;
4. Any portable buildings leased or owned by a school district; and
5. Temporary and emergency buildings and facilities.

Summary of Effect

The proposed action would update the CCR, Title 24, Part 2 by:

- Relocating existing public housing requirements from Chapter 11A to Chapter 11B.
- Adding federal requirement for turning space in kitchens within specified multi-bedroom housing units in undergraduate student housing.
- Revising existing requirements for curb ramps and detectable warnings.
- Revising existing requirements for pedestrian areas (circulation paths) at vehicle areas.
- Amendments to clarify existing accessibility requirements.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

Comparable federal statutes and regulations include:

- Regulations for Title II and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as adopted by the US Department of Justice. The regulations provide enforceable standards for accessible design, known as the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, in three parts:

1. 2010 Standards for State and Local Government Facilities: Title II Regulations at 28 CFR Part 35.151;
 2. 2010 Standards for Public Accommodations and Commercial Facilities: Title III Regulations at 28 CFR Part 36, Subpart D; and
 3. 2010 Standards for Title II and III Facilities: 2004 ADAAG.
- Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988.

Policy Statement Overview

The proposed building standards are intended to implement new accessibility provisions and clarify existing accessibility provisions contained in the 2019 California Building Code to ensure that publicly funded buildings, structures, sidewalks, curbs, and related facilities shall be accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities; privately funded public accommodations and commercial facilities shall be accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities; and public housing shall be accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities.

Evaluation of Consistency

There are no inconsistent or incompatible regulations proposed.

OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR CLASS OF REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(4).

There are no other matters prescribed by statute applicable to DSA-AC, or to any specific regulation or class of regulations.

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(5).

DSA-AC has determined that the proposed regulatory action WOULD NOT impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(6).

An estimate, prepared in accordance with instructions adopted by Department of Finance, of cost or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

- A. Cost or Savings to any state agency: **NO**
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO**
- C. Cost to any school district required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO**
- D. Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: **NO**
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **NO**

Estimate: \$0.

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

If the agency makes an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states, it shall make a declaration to that effect.

DSA-AC has made an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

DECLARATION OF EVIDENCE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

In making the declaration, the agency shall provide in the record of facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence that the agency relies upon to support its initial determination of no effect.

DSA-AC developed the proposed code changes based on existing provisions in the current code. The intent is to provide needed clarity based on past comments DSA has received from code users. The proposed code changes were vetted during a series of five focus group meetings, four Access Code Collaborative meetings, and two public stakeholder forums. The comments received during those meetings supported DSA-ACs assessment that the proposed code changes will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states

FINDING OF NECESSITY FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(11).

Any regulation that requires a report shall not apply to businesses, unless the agency makes a finding that it is necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of the public that the regulations apply to businesses.

N/A

COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(9).

DSA/AC is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT OF REGULATIONS UPON JOBS AND BUSINESS EXPANSION, ELIMINATION OR CREATION

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(10).

DSA/AC has assessed whether or not and to what extent this proposal will affect the following:

A. The creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.

DSA-AC has determined that the proposed action has no effect.

B. The creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.

DSA-AC has determined that the proposed action has no effect.

C. The expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California.

DSA-AC has determined that the proposed action has no effect.

D. The benefits of the regulation to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment.

DSA-AC has determined that the proposed action has no effect.

ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE OF STANDARDS THAT WOULD IMPACT HOUSING

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(12).

DSA-AC has made an initial determination that this proposal would not have a significant effect on housing costs. DSA-AC is coordinating this proposal with the Department of Housing and Community Development.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(13).

DSA-AC has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by DSA-AC or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of DSA-AC would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

AVAILABILITY OF RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(16) and 11346.5(a)(20).

All of the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public review, by contacting the person named below. This notice, the express terms and initial statement of reasons can be accessed from the [CBSC website](http://dgs.ca.gov/BSC): dgs.ca.gov/BSC.

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(19).

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons, once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below or at the [CBSC website](http://dgs.ca.gov/BSC): dgs.ca.gov/BSC

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(21).

DSA-AC shall provide, upon request, a description of proposed changes included in the proposed action, in the manner provided by Section 11346.6, to accommodate a person with a visual or other disability for which effective communication is required under state or federal law and that providing the description of proposed changes may require extending the period of public comment for the proposed action.

CBSC CONTACT PERSON FOR PROCEDURAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(14).

General questions regarding procedural and administrative issues should be addressed to:

Michael Nearman, Deputy Executive Director
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130

Sacramento, CA 95833
Telephone: (916) 263-0916

**PROPOSING STATE AGENCY CONTACT PERSON FOR SUBSTANTIVE AND/OR
TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUILDING
STANDARDS**

Specific questions regarding the substantive and/or technical aspects of the proposed changes to the building standards should be addressed to:

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