

The Building Standards Commission unanimously approved DSA's Access Compliance Emergency Regulations Package on July 19, 2012. These regulations are effective August 1, 2012. DSA will soon issue an informational bulletin on the Emergency Regulations and will post information regarding implementation on the DSA web site. The Emergency Regulations:

- Resolve a very limited number of direct conflicts between the 2010 CBC and the 2010 ADA Standards.
- Correct a typographical error in the 2010 Supplemental rulemaking package that went into effect on July 1, 2012.
- Provide for acceptance of select previously compliant elements along a path of travel.

Incorporation of the Emergency Regulation items as part of the 2013 CBC's triennial rule making process is under consideration and subject to further review and comment by the Building Standards Commission's Code Advisory Committee, stakeholders and the general public.

Text of emergency express terms and regulatory language can be found DSA's web site: [http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/access/2010CBC\\_Emergency-Express-Terms\\_06-27-12.pdf](http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/access/2010CBC_Emergency-Express-Terms_06-27-12.pdf)

Below is a summary of the Emergency Regulations items, along with their corresponding 2010 California Building Code Chapter 11B section numbers:

#### Item 1 – 1104B.3.9 Designated aisle seats

- Corrects a typographical error during the 2010 rulemaking cycle and aligns with 2010 ADA standards that call for 5 percent of aisle seats to be designated aisle seats.

#### Item 2 – 1115B.4.1 Accessible Water Closets

- Aligns with 2010 ADA standards for a 16" to 18" range of dimension for the centerline of a water closet to the adjacent side wall, with no tolerances allowed outside of the range.
- DSA IR 11B-8 provides guidance to designers and advises that "dimensions noted in accessibility provisions as 'maximum' or 'minimum' should not be considered dimensions for design . . ." DSA will be issuing a guidelines document for the 2013 accessibility code including both federal and state advisories. On this topic it will be suggested that the optimum design dimension within the range would be 17".

#### Item 3 – 1115B.8.4 Toilet Tissue Dispensers

- Aligns with 2010 ADA for a range of 7" to 9" measured from the front of the bowl to the centerline of the toilet paper dispenser.
- Clarifies the regulated height of the toilet paper dispenser is measured to the outlet of the dispenser.

#### Item 4 – 1117B.1 Accessible Drinking Fountains

- Adopts 2010 ADA technical requirements for accessible drinking fountains.

Item 5 – 1117B.3 & 1117B.5 Characters for Visual and Tactile Signs

- Aligns with 2010 ADA, providing a range for character proportions and fonts on both visual and tactile signs, while avoiding a lower extreme that could result in characters with reduced readability.

Item 6 – 1117B.5.7 Mounting Location and Height for Signs

- Adopts 2010 ADA technical requirements for the location of tactile characters and Braille cells.

Item 7 – 1134B.2.1, Items Constructed in Compliance with Previous Codes

- Adoption of some of these emergency regulations triggers a requirement for modification of these elements, even if they had been upgraded to comply with the prior CBC.
- Item 7 of the Emergency Regulations adopted a limited exception, only for the specific elements and dimensions covered in Items 2, 3 and 4, that allows them to remain when an area they serve is being altered. This exception applies **ONLY** if the specific elements and dimensions are fully compliant with the requirements of either the 2007 CBC or the 2010 CBC prior to the Emergency Regulations.