

City of Lincoln Guidelines for installation of ADA Accessible Facilities (5-15-08)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This document sets guidelines for accessibility to places of public accommodation and commercial facilities by individuals with disabilities. These guidelines are to be applied during the design, construction, and alteration of such buildings and facilities to the extent required by regulations issued by Federal agencies, including the Department of Justice, under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Reference also the NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL, STATE OF NEBRASKA ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES, <http://www.sfm.state.ne.us/publications/pdf/SNAG.pdf>.
- 1.2 All such Work shall substantially conform to design standards except that the City Engineer may approve a deviation from any of the standards as set forth herein upon a satisfactory showing that such deviation will not materially and adversely affect the public welfare and that the general intent and spirit of these design standards are preserved.

2. PROCESS AND PROCEDURE

- 2.1 New Installations shall substantially conform to the requirements set forth by the Department of Justice guidelines. Specific deviations where typical ramps are deemed technically unfeasible shall be documented and approved by the City Engineer.
- 2.2 General Exceptions. In new construction, a person or entity is not required to completely meet the requirements of these guidelines where that person or entity can demonstrate that it is impracticable to do so. Full compliance will be considered impracticable only in those rare circumstances when the unique characteristics of terrain prevent the incorporation of accessibility features. If full compliance with the requirements of these guidelines is impracticable, a person or entity shall comply with the requirements to the extent it is not impracticable. Any portion of the facility which can be made accessible shall comply to the extent that it is not impracticable.
- 2.3 Replacement or modifications to existing facilities shall be as follows:

2.3.1 General. Alterations to existing buildings and facilities shall comply with the following:

- 2.3.1.1 No alteration shall be undertaken which decreases or has the effect of decreasing accessibility or usability of facility below the requirements for new construction at the time of alteration.
- 2.3.1.2 In alteration work, if compliance is technically infeasible, the alteration shall provide accessibility to the maximum extent feasible. Any elements or features of the facility that are being altered and can be made accessible shall be made accessible within the scope of the alteration.
- 2.3.1.3 Technically Infeasible. Means, with respect to an alteration of a facility, that it has little likelihood of being accomplished because existing physical or site constraints prohibit modification or addition of elements, spaces.

2.3.2 When a street resurfacing, or rehabilitation project is initiated, all curb ramps must be reconstructed to comply with ADA requirements as technically feasible. This includes installation of detectable warnings in all curb ramps.

2.3.3 If maintenance work is adjacent to and touches a radius where a new ramp or replacement of an existing ramp is needed, ADA compliant curb ramps must be installed at all corners as part of the work. This includes installation of detectable warnings in all curb ramps.

- 2.3.4 If utility work is adjacent to and touches a radius where a new ramp or replacement of an existing ramp is needed, ADA compliant curb ramps must be installed as a part of the work. ADA accessible curb ramps are not required on the other corners of the intersection.
- 2.3.5 If a project involves other pedestrian related components but does not touch the curbs along the radius consideration should be given to bring the entire intersection into compliance. For example, if a project includes replacing an existing or new traffic signal at a location where ramps do not exist or with non-compliant ramps consult with the City Engineer.