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Accessibility -Unreasonable Hardship Request Forms

Background

Pursuant to the provisions of the California Building Code (CBC) Chapter 11B, the local building official may find an unreasonable hardship exists under certain conditions. The details of any such finding shall be recorded and entered into the files of the local enforcing agency. An unreasonable hardship exists when compliance with the building standard would make the specific work of the project affected by the building standard unfeasible, based on an overall evaluation of the following factors:

- 1) The cost of providing access.
- 2) The cost of all construction contemplated
- 3) The impact of proposed improvements on financial feasibility of the project.
- 4) The nature of the accessibility which would be gained or lost.
- 5) The nature of the use of the facility under construction and its availability of persons with disabilities.

Applicants making a case for an unreasonable hardship are required to complete one of the attached forms, as applicable, and submit it to their building plans examiner for consideration.

Applicability of forms

Form A is applicable to projects in existing buildings that do not exceed the valuation threshold amount per CBC 11B.202.4 Exception 8. Refer to <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/Programs/progAccess/threshold.aspx>) for current threshold amount.

Form B is applicable to projects in existing buildings that exceed the valuation threshold per CBC Section 11B.202.4, Exception 8 or some portions of new construction where specifically allowed in CBC Chapter 11B.



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Unreasonable Hardship Request – Form A

Applicable to projects in existing buildings that do not exceed the valuation threshold amount per CBC 1134B.2.1 Exception 1. Refer to <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/Programs/progAccess/threshold.aspx>) for current threshold amount.

Building Permit #: _____ Project Name: _____

Project Address: _____

General Exception, CBC Section 11B.202.4: Applicable to existing buildings. The specific accessibility features that create a hardship may be exempted. A description of access features to be provided shall be listed in the appropriate section below, and a detailed cost estimate for all elements shall be attached to this form.

1. Cost of proposed project (excluding accessible upgrades not located within the actual area of work) \$ _____

2. 20% Cost of project (0.20 x Line 1) \$ _____

3. Accessibility Elements:	Is this feature accessible?	Proposed under this project?	Cost to make this feature accessible?
a) Primary Entrance	_____	_____	_____
b) Path of travel	_____	_____	_____
c) Parking	_____	_____	_____
d) Sanitary facilities	_____	_____	_____
e) Drinking fountains	_____	_____	_____
f) Elevator(s)	_____	_____	_____
g) Other _____ (Specify)	_____	_____	_____

Total cost of proposed accessible upgrades. (Attach detailed cost estimate) \$ _____

4. Total cost of alterations to the areas on the path of travel during the preceding three-year period. \$ _____
 (Compare with current threshold amount at <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/Programs/progAccess/threshold.aspx>)

Signatures: I hereby acknowledge that the above is true to the best of my knowledge. As the owner of the property or tenant space, or an authorized agent representing the owner, by signing below I am acknowledging that I understand that although the project is in compliance with the California Building Code requirements, the limited disabled access upgrades shown on this form will not limit or absolve my liability under the American's with Disability Act.

Designer: _____	Print	Signature	Date
Owner: _____	Print	Signature	Date

