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TO: Members, Construction Code Commission

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SUBJECT: Interpretation of Section 512.14.1

At a recent hearing before the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) a question was raised concerning the definition of the term check-out lanes as utilized in Section 512.14.1 (attached) of the proposed barrier free design rules.

As a result of the Committee's deliberation, correspondence has been directed to this office requesting that an official letter be forwarded to the JCAR setting forth the definition of check-out lanes in stores. The definition should clarify whether courtesy desks, lottery counters, and other miscellaneous counters are included on the check-out lane count for purposes of determining the number of handicapper accessible lanes required in that store pursuant to Section 512.14.1

Question: In determining the total number of check-out lanes, in order to subsequently determine the total of number of accessible lanes required pursuant to Section 512.14.1, is it necessary to include a courtesy desk, lottery counter, or other miscellaneous counter in the total lane count?

Answer: No, such areas are not considered check-out lanes unless they are regularly used for the function of enumeration and charging for goods being purchased and need not be included in determining the total number of check-out lanes in the building.

Question: In determining compliance with Section 512.14.1, can a courtesy desk, lottery counter, miscellaneous counter, be considered the accessible check-out lane as required by the section?

Answer: Yes, if the courtesy desk, lottery counter, or other miscellaneous counter provides a clear width of not less than 32 inches and is utilized regularly for the purpose of enumeration and charging for goods being purchased.

Attachment

512.13.3. Access to raised performing areas. If direct access is provided between the seating and stage, direct barrier free access shall also be provided.

512.13.4. Placement of barrier free seating positions. Barrier free seating positions shall be an integral part of any fixed seating plan and shall be dispersed throughout the seating area and the range of seating options available. The seating positions shall adjoin a barrier free route that also serves as a means of egress and shall be located to provide lines of sight comparable to those for all areas.

512.13.5. Wheelchair seating areas. Each wheelchair seating accommodation shall accommodate, at a minimum, 2 adjacent wheelchair seating positions. The surface of each wheelchair seating position shall be level. Wheelchair seating areas containing a minimum of 2 seating positions and accessed from a forward or rear entry shall be a minimum of 48 inches deep by 66 inches wide. Wheelchair seating positions containing a minimum of 2 seating positions and accessed from a side entry shall be a minimum of 60 inches deep by 66 inches wide.

512.13.6. A minimum clear floor space of 32 inches by 48 inches per wheelchair user position shall be provided at tables, counters, or work surfaces. Such clear floor space shall not overlap knee space by more than 19 inches.

512.13.7. Knee clearances. If seating for people in wheelchairs is provided at tables, counters, and work surfaces, knee spaces not less than 27 inches high, 30 inches wide, and 19 inches deep shall be provided.

512.14. Checkout lanes and turnstiles.

512.14.1. Buildings which include checkout lanes shall provide at least 1 checkout lane for every 10 checkout lanes or fraction thereof, with not less than a 32-inch clear opening width. These lanes shall be distributed throughout the building checkout areas and identified by signs complying with the requirements of section 512.3.

512.14.2. Each building area which utilizes turnstiles to control pedestrian traffic shall provide, immediately adjacent to the turnstile, a clearly marked barrier free access route which is not less than 32 inches wide.

R 408.30428 Special historical buildings and districts.

Rule 428. Section 513.2 of the code is added to read as follows:

513.2. Repairs, alterations, and additions necessary for the preservation, restoration, or continued use of an existing building or structure may be exempt from the requirements if both of the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The building or structure has been designated by the Michigan history division, department of state, as being on the national register of historic places or the state register of historic sites or the building or structure is eligible for either register.

(b) Sufficient evidence is presented to the barrier free design board to establish the fact that adherence to the barrier free design provisions of the general rules or any provisions thereof would destroy or diminish a significant feature of the building's or structure's