



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT BUILDING DIVISION

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Unreasonable Hardship Request

Construction Valuation Form

The provisions of California Building Code Section 11B-202.4 Exception 8 apply to existing buildings or facilities used as public buildings, public accommodations, commercial buildings or public housing. When these buildings or facilities undergo alterations, structural repairs, or additions, an accessible path of travel is required and shall be provided to the specific area of construction.

When the adjusted construction cost¹ of **alterations, structural repairs, or additions to existing buildings and facilities** including alterations of that area or a different area on the same path of travel are undertaken within 3 years of the original alteration, does not exceed a valuation threshold of **\$209,208.00** the cost of compliance with Section 11B-202.4 exception 8 of the 2025 California Building Code, compliance shall be provided to the greatest extent possible without exceeding 20% of the adjusted construction cost of alterations, structural repairs or additions.

In choosing which accessible elements to provide, priority should be given to those elements that will provide the greatest access in the following order:

1. An accessible entrance.
2. An accessible route to the altered area (see definition of accessible route Section 202 & 11B-206.2.1 for more information on accessible routes and site arrival points).
3. At least one accessible restroom for each sex serving the area of alteration, structural repair or addition.
4. Accessible telephones, if provided, serving the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition.
5. Accessible drinking fountains, if provided, serving the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition.
6. When possible, additional accessible elements such as additional parking, storage, signs and alarms.

Please complete the attached worksheet and prepare a site and floor plan of the existing and proposed accessibility improvements along the accessible route to the area of alteration that shall be submitted to the Building Division in duplicate, prior to completing your plan review. One copy of the approval or denial of the unreasonable hardship request will be returned to the applicant.

Please note that this request for hardship is subject to approval by the Building Official and a ratification process by the access appeals board.

Required for any renovation, structural repair, alterations and additions to existing buildings, including those identified as historic buildings.

Project Address _____ Permit No. _____

Project Description _____ Construction Cost \$ _____

**It is requested that the above project be granted an exemption
from the requirements of the State of California Title 24**

Accessibility Regulations, as specifically listed below. Specific accessibility features that create a hardship may be exempted. (The area of alteration shall comply)

Access Features (in order of priority)	Complies to current requirements	Cost to comply with current code requirements	Proposed accessible items to be brought into compliance (in order of priority)
1. An accessible entrance	___ Yes ___ No	\$ _____	_____
2. An accessible route to the altered area	___ Yes ___ No	\$ _____	_____
3. At least one accessible restroom for each gender	___ Yes ___ No	\$ _____	_____
4. Accessible telephones	___ Yes ___ No	\$ _____	_____
5. Accessible drinking fountains	___ Yes ___ No	\$ _____	_____
6. When possible, additional accessible elements such as parking, storage, and alarms	___ Yes ___ No	\$ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____
A. Total cost of access features		\$ _____	
B. Cost of proposed construction		\$ _____	
C. 20% of amount on line B		\$ _____	

All items listed above must be incorporated into submitted plans AND detailed appropriately.

Applicant Information

I certify that the above noted information is true and correct.

Name (Print) _____ Signature _____

Firm Address _____ Position _____

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Approved by _____ Title _____ Date _____

Denied by _____ Title _____ Date _____

This document shall be part of the Building plans and shall be entered in the job file of the enforcing agency.

Please email all required forms and documents to buildingdocs@chicoca.gov.