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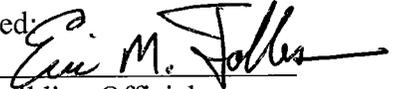
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Accessibility for Dining, Banquet, and Bar Facilities

Reference: California Building Code Chapter 11B

Dining, banquet, and bar facilities shall be made accessible to persons with disabilities, and wheelchair access shall be provided to all areas where each type of functional activity occurs.

In addition to compliance with site accessibility, accessible parking, and sanitary and locker facilities accessibility requirements, seating and food service areas shall be made accessible. See California Building Code Chapter 11B for specific requirements for seating, food service aisles, tableware areas, and food preparation areas.

In applying these regulations to facilities in the City of Irvine, the interpretations shown below in bold shall apply to the following code sections:

Section 1104B.5 Dining, Banquet and Bar Facilities.

4. Seating. Each dining, banquet and bar area shall have one wheelchair seating space for each 20 seats, with at least one minimum wheelchair seating space per functional area. Such seating shall be designed and arranged to permit use by wheelchair occupants, and shall comply with Section 1122B, "Fixed or Built-in Seating, Tables, and Counters." Access to such seating spaces shall be provided with main aisles not less than 36 inches (914 mm) clear width. In establishments where separate areas are designated for smoking and nonsmoking patrons, the required number of accessible fixed tables (or counters) shall be proportionally distributed between the smoking and nonsmoking areas. Accessible seating spaces shall be integrated with general seating to allow a reasonable selection of seating area and to avoid having one area specifically highlighted as the area for persons with disabilities. The ratio of accessible seating is based on the total number of seats provided. Where food or drink is served at counters exceeding 34 inches (865 mm) in height for consumption by customers seated or standing at the counter, a portion of the main counter which is 60 inches (1525 mm) in length minimum shall be provided in compliance with section 1122B.

In applying this section, the following shall be considered separate functional areas, each requiring wheelchair seating spaces:

- Dining seating areas
- Banquet seating areas
- Bar counter seating areas
- Bar table seating areas

A furniture plan showing the proposed location of all tables, booths, and counters shall be provided for all permit submittals for dining, banquet, and bar facilities. The plan shall identify table and counter locations and heights, aisle widths, and location of wheelchair seating at dining, banquet, bar counter, and bar table functional areas.

Section 1120B – FLOORS AND LEVELS

Section 1120B.1 Floors Within Each Story. In buildings and facilities, floors of a given story shall be a common level throughout, or shall be connected by pedestrian ramps, passenger elevators or platform (wheelchair) lifts.

In applying this section, all restaurant floor levels are required to be a common level or be connected by ramps. Raised booths with raised floors within the booth area do not comply with the common floor level requirements and are not permitted.