



Two-Color Accessible  
Parking Spaces

## Did You Know?



Did you know that two paint colors will soon be required to mark an accessible parking space loading unloading aisle?

Among the proposed changes in the 2007 Code Adoption Cycle is a proposal by the Division of the State Architect to amend Section 1129B of Chapter 11B of the 2007 California Building Code to require the border of the loading unloading access aisle serving an accessible parking space to be marked with blue paint. The diagonal lines within the aisle are to be made with a paint color contrasting with the parking surface, preferable white or blue. The “NO PARKING” language to be painted on the aisle surface will still be required to be made with white paint.

Another proposed change related to accessible parking is for an additional sign or additional language to be located below the 70 square inch dark blue sign with the International Symbol of Accessibility at the head of an accessible parking space. The additional sign or language, must read “Minimum fine \$250”.

If adopted these CBC Chapter 11B changes will apply to public buildings, public accommodations, and commercial facilities as defined in the CBC.

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## Important Dates



**July 17, 2008:** California Building Standards Commission Hearing. Watch for an agenda on the [CBSC website](#).

**September 8-10, 2008:** CALBO Education Week in Santa Maria. See details at the [CALBO website](#).

**September 11, 2008:** California Building Standards Commission Hearing. Watch for an agenda on the [CBSC website](#).

**September 12, 2008:** Last day to apply for IAPMO Certification examinations to be held on October 18, 2008 in Oakland, Oroville, Ontario, Sacramento and Ventura. See [IAPMO's website](#) for application details.

**September 14-23, 2008:** 2008 ICC Annual Conference and Final Action Hearing in Minneapolis, MN. See the [ICC website](#) for details.

**September 29 to October 2, 2008:** CALBO Education Week in San Ramon. See details at the [CALBO website](#).

## News for California Building Departments

### In this issue:

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## Useful Websites

**State Fire Marshal** - [osfm.fire.ca.gov](http://osfm.fire.ca.gov)

**California Legislature** - [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov)

**Department of Housing and Community Development** - [www.hcd.ca.gov](http://www.hcd.ca.gov)

**California Energy Commission** - [www.energy.ca.gov](http://www.energy.ca.gov)

**California Building Standards Commission** - [www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov)

**U.S. Green Building Council** - [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org)

**Environmental Building News** - [www.buildinggreen.com](http://www.buildinggreen.com)

## Legislation of Interest to Building Departments

At mid-year, many legislative bills have taken on amendments that are important to study. Some bills have been amended three times since introduction in February 2008. The following bills have impact on building codes and building departments if passed. Descriptions are abbreviated.

**SB 1608** proposes to create the California Commission on Disability Access to investigate and issue reports to the Legislature on the effectiveness of state accessibility laws and regulations, and quality of code enforcement, and more. The bill proposes to require inspectors and plan examiners to be DSA Certified Access Specialists.

**AB 2529** proposes to require the State Architect to post all fees relating to the Certified Access Specialist Program (CASP) established by on the DSA website. The CASP enacted by SB 262 (Chapter 872/Statutes of 2003) requires implementing regulations that are still not adopted. This may be a spot bill with amendments to occur later in the session.

 **AB 2939** proposes to allow local amendments to any green building standards adopted by the California Department of Housing and Community Development in Title 24. A local agency could implement more restrictive green building guidelines and scoring systems.

**AB 2554** proposes to extend the time for the Department of Housing and Community Development to assume enforcement responsibilities when a local government surrenders enforcement of the Mobilehome Park Act, Special Occupancy Park Act, or Employee Housing Act, from 30 days to 90 days

 **SB 1473** proposes to amend and add new provisions to the California Building Standards Law in Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2.5, regarding green building standards. The bill will establish a Building Standards Administration Special Revolving Fund to be funded by fees collected by local building departments. The Fund is to be used to cover the cost of the Building Standards Commission's work to carryout the mandates of law with emphasis on green building standards.

See these bills at the [Legislative website](#).

## What's Up With the State?



The 2007 Code Adoption Cycle with proposed building standards (additions, deletions and amendments) by the Building Standards Commission and other state agencies is nearing a critical point in the process. A public hearing was held in Sacramento on May 6, 2008 and post-hearing revisions in response to public comments has be issued for additional public review ending on June 16, 2008. The proposals will be considered for adoption at the July 17, 2009 hearing by the Building Standards Commission. If adopted, the effective date will be set at least 180 days following the publication date, which is when the supplements for the 2007 California Building Standards Code (Title 24) will be available for purchase. Expect an effective date in early 2009.

 The proposal includes Green Building Standards that will be voluntary requirements for commercial occupancies and mandatory for housing applicable in 2010. Find all the proposed building standards at the [CBSC website](#).

The California Energy Commission held a public hearing on April 23, 2008 and adopted the proposed 2008 California Energy Code (Part 6 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations). Implementation work is in progress for a possible effective date of July 1, 2009. The effective date is subject to change and will be announced when established. Find these standards at the [CEC website](#).

The Department of Housing and Community Development is preparing emergency Wildland Urban Interface regulations for manufactured housing. An announcement of the emergency adoption may come in July 2008. The proposal is to apply 2007 California Building Code Chapter 7A to manufactured homes, mobilehomes, multifamily manufactured homes and commercial modular in the same manner as is now applicable to site built housing. See these proposed regulations at the [HCD website](#). Look for proposed WUI Emergency Regulations under the Manufactured Housing Program, Division of Codes and Standards.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (Cal Fire) has issued a new Wildland Urban Interface Products Handbook, listing building materials and products meeting the standards in Chapter 7A of the 2007 California Building Code. If your office is responsible for enforcement of the WUI regulations, download the handbook at the [OSFM website](#).

The Division of the State Architect conducted a second 15-day public review period on their proposed Certified Access Compliance program (CASp) regulations that ended on May 28, 2008. The most significant revisions relate to enforcement and certification revocation actions by DSA and clarification of the requirement for 15 Continuing Education Units for each renewal of the three-year certification. CEU must be earned in classes relating to accessibility laws and regulations. The proposed CASp regulatory text is available at the [DSA website](#).

### Other News

## Grants to Local Jurisdictions

Two federal legislative bills, HR 4461 and S. 2458, propose to enact the Community Building Code Administration Grant Act (CBCAG). This federal legislation proposes to establish a grant program through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for jurisdictions who seek to build up their local building and fire code administration and enforcement capabilities. Learn more about this proposal at Internet sites listing federal legislation.