



- CITY OF CLOVIS - ADA CODE INTERPRETATION MEMO

FROM: Planning and Development Services Department
Engineering Division

DATE: September 19, 2011

SUBJECT: ADA Code Interpretation Memo No. 2011-01

CODE SECTION

2010 CBC Section 1127B.5 Curb Ramps, Item 9 Diagonal Curb Ramps

INTERPRETATION

City staff spoke with Derek Shaw (916-445-8100) with the Division of State Architect (DSA) on September 14, 2011 regarding the last sentence, of the first paragraph, of Section 1127B.5.9, which states, "If diagonal curb ramps have flared sides, they shall also have at least a 24" long segment of straight curb located on each side of the curb ramp and within the marked crossing". Mr. Shaw indicated that this language is consistent with the original language in the 1991 ADA. Mr. Shaw further indicated that, in the original language, the term "straight curb" was applicable on projects with construction of rolled curbs and that the rolled curbs were not to be constructed within 24" of the top of the flared sides. Without an official clarification by the California Building Standards Commission, the DSA can only render an opinion. However, City staff has concluded, based on the discussion with the DSA representative and other factors, that the term "straight" in this section is referring to the geometric shape of the curb (i.e. full height curb) and not its horizontal alignment with respect to the direction of vehicular traffic.

Based on this discussion with the DSA representative and staff's analysis of the ADA regulations and the CBC, the term "straight curb" in CBC Section 1127B.5.9 shall be defined as full height curb with a vertical face or a curb face sloped in accordance with City of Clovis standard St-5. This interpretation shall be used in the design of new curb ramps and evaluation of curb ramps installed within the City of Clovis.

Approved _____
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