

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

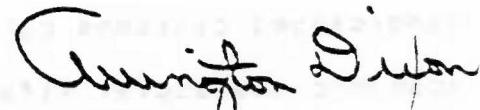
NOTICE

D.C. LAW 3-76

"District of Columbia Architectural Barriers Act
of 1980".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia Adopted Bill No. 3-108, on first, amended first, and second readings, February 19, 1980, April 1, 1980 and April 22, 1980, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on May 14, 1980, this legislation was assigned Act No. 3-187, published in the May 6, 1980 edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 27 page 2409) and transmitted to Congress on May 15, 1980 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602 (c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and, therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. LAW 3-76, effective July 1, 1980.



ARRINGTON DIXON
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

May 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30

June 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23,
24, 25, 26, 27, 30

D.C. LAW 3-76

EFFECTIVE DATE JUL 01 1980

AN ACT

D.C. ACT 3-187

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MAY 14 1980

To establish minimum requirements for the elimination of architectural barriers to the physically handicapped in newly-constructed, altered, and converted public buildings in the District of Columbia.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

That this act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Architectural Barriers Act of 1980".

Sec. 2. Findings.

CODIFICATION
D.C. Municipal
Regulations

The Council of the District of Columbia finds that approximately fifteen percent (15%) of all Americans have some form of permanent physical disability, and the District of Columbia certainly has its fair share of these.

Handicapped citizens can make valuable contributions to the economic and social life of the city if not impeded by barriers to their mobility. Most buildings used by the general public in the District of Columbia do not afford convenient access for use by the physically handicapped. While it is expensive to remove architectural barriers in

buildings already erected in accordance with traditional design standards, it is relatively inexpensive to insure that newly-designed buildings will be barrier-free. Of all the political jurisdictions in the metropolitan area, the District of Columbia is now the only one that does not have legislatively enacted minimum standards for barrier-free design and construction.

Sec. 3. The Second Amendment to the Building Code for the District of Columbia, (hereafter cited as the "Building Code") effective September 21, 1977 (D.C. Law 2-18; title 5A-1 D.C.R.R.) is amended as follows:

(a) A new Article 15 is added at the end thereof to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 15. ARCHITECTURAL BARRIER FREE DESIGN

"SECTION 1500.0 - SCOPE AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

"Sections

"1500.1 Scope.

"1500.2 Display of Accessibility Symbol.

"Sec. 1500.1 Scope.

"The purpose of this article is to require that all buildings, structures, and premises which are used by the general public and which are regulated by this Code be made accessible to physically handicapped persons. This article establishes minimum requirements of architectural barrier-

Free design in these buildings, structures, and premises to aid physically handicapped persons.

"The term 'handicapped' means having a total or partial impairment, whether it be temporary or permanent, of the manual, orthopedic, visual, auditory, or other function that prevents a person from total access to physical structures within his or her environment.

"Sec. 1500.2 Display of Accessibility Symbol.

"Buildings and structures meeting the requirements of the barrier-free design specifications of this article shall clearly display the international symbol of accessibility for the handicapped.

"SECTION 1501.0 - APPLICABILITY

"Sections

"1501.1 General Applicability.

"1501.2 New Construction.

"1501.3 Buildings Altered or Converted.

"1501.4 Other Code Requirements.

"1501.5 Exemptions.

"1501.6 Exceptions.

"Sec. 1501.1 General Applicability.

"This article shall apply to any building, structure, or improved area, and the land appurtenant thereto, owned or leased by the District of Columbia, or a privately owned or

leased building or structure or improved area that is open to or used by the general public, by persons visiting the premises for any reason, or by 40 or more persons employed therein.

"Sec. 1501.2 New Construction.

"This article shall apply to all buildings and structures for which an application for building permit was filed after the effective date of the District of Columbia Architectural Barriers Act of 1980. The addition to an existing building or structure shall be considered new construction of and by itself and shall therefore be required to comply with the provisions of this article.

"Sec. 1501.3 Buildings Altered or Converted.

"This article shall apply to buildings or structures altered or converted for which an application for a building permit was filed after the effective date of the District of Columbia Architectural Barriers Act of 1980 only if the cost of the alteration or conversion exceeds fifty (50) percent of the current assessed valuation of the building or structure at the commencement of the alteration or conversion.

"Sec. 1501.4 Other Code Requirements.

"The provisions of this article supplement and may modify the general provisions for all buildings regulated by

this Code. To the maximum extent feasible and practicable, this article shall be construed to avoid conflict with other provisions of this Code; however, in case of conflict, the provisions of this article shall apply unless an exception is granted pursuant to section 1501.5.

"Sec. 1501.5 Exemptions.

"The provisions of this article shall not apply to the following:

"(1) buildings and facilities owned by the United States Government, as provided in section 100.7 of this Code;

"(2) chanceries;

"(3) single one and two family dwellings;

"(4) restoration or authentic reconstruction of an historic structure, as determined by the Historic Preservation Review Board, if the Board decides that provision of the specific access feature cannot be achieved without seriously detracting from or destroying the authenticity and historic value of the structure.

"(5) buildings and structures under contract for design on the effective date of the District of Columbia Architectural Barriers Act of 1970 ("the act"), for which no building permit application has been filed, provided that:

"1. a permit application is filed within one year following the effective date of the act, and secured within one year of filing;

"2. the applicant submits a copy of the contract for design; and

"3. the applicant submits an affidavit stating that the copy of the contract is a true and accurate copy, that the contract was in effect on or before the effective date of the act, and that the design submitted with the permit application was made under that contract.

"Permits granted under this subsection (5) shall not be renewed if permitted to lapse.

"(6) applications for permits filed prior to the effective date of the District of Columbia Architectural Barriers Act of 1930, provided that a permit is secured within one year following the effective date of the act. Permits granted under this subsection (6) shall not be renewed if permitted to lapse.

"Sec. 1501.6 Exceptions.

"Where it can be demonstrated that any of the provisions of this article are not practical for the proposed use and occupancy, or that undue economic hardship would result from strict compliance with the specifications set forth herein, the Mayor may, upon written application of the owner of the

building or facility concerned, grant an appropriate exception. If such an exception is granted, the Mayor shall so advise the Council of the District of Columbia in writing within 14 calendar days of the granting of the exception.

"SECTION 1502.0 - REQUIREMENTS ACCORDING TO
TYPE OF OCCUPANCY

"Sections

"1502.1 L-1 Occupancy - Hotels and Motels.

"1502.2 L-1 Occupancy - Apartment Buildings.

"1502.3 F-1 Occupancy - Seating Accommodations.

"Sec. 1502.1 L-1 Occupancy - Hotels and Motels.

"(1) All public areas shall be made accessible to and usable by physically handicapped persons.

"(2) At least 1 bedroom unit of every 50 bedroom units or fractions thereof shall be made accessible to and usable by physically handicapped persons.

"(3) Bedroom units allocated for physically handicapped persons shall be proportionally distributed throughout the range of size, quality, and price of the type of room which is predominant in the complex.

"Sec. 1502.2 L-1 Occupancy - Apartment Buildings.

"(1) All public use areas shall be accessible to handicapped persons.

"(2) One apartment unit for every 25 apartment units built in the complex shall be made accessible to and

usable by physically handicapped persons. The dwelling units for physically handicapped persons shall be distributed proportionally throughout all types of units.

"(3) The proportion of apartment units for physically handicapped persons which are efficiency or 1, 2, 3, or 4 bedroom units shall be the same as the proportion of the said units in the apartment complex. In the event the number of apartment units allocated for physically handicapped persons is not sufficient to reflect the range offered in the entire complex, the apartment units for physically handicapped shall reflect the type of apartment which is predominant in the complex.

"Sec. 1502.3 F-1 Occupancy - Seating Accommodations.

"(1) Places of assembly with fixed seating arrangements shall provide viewing positions for persons in wheelchairs in accordance with the following schedule:

Capacity of Assembly Space	Number of Viewing Positions
"Up to 25	2
"26 to 50	3
"51 to 75	4
"76 to 100	5
"101 to 150	5
"151 to 200	7
"201 to 300	8
"301 to 400	9
"401 to 500	10
"501 to 1000	3% of Total
"over 1000	21 plus 1 for every 100 over 1000

"(2) Viewing positions for persons in a wheelchair shall be provided in a reasonable and convenient section or sections of the facility by either or both of the following methods:

"(A) Providing portable seats with stationary fasteners which can easily be removed.

"(B) Providing clear space devoid of any portable or fixed seating arrangements. These positions shall be located so as not to interfere with egress from any row of seats, shall be reachable by means of an accessible path using ramps and elevators or both where required, and shall not infringe upon aisle requirements.

"(3) There shall be no steps in the aisles or in the access route to the performance viewing positions. Aisles leading to viewing positions for the handicapped shall not exceed a gradient of 1 inch per foot and with level platforms at 30 foot intervals.

"SECTION 1503.0 - ACCESSIBILITY

"Sections

"1503.1 Ramps.

"1503.2 Building Access.

"1503.3 Doors and Doorways.

"1503.4 Stairs.

"1503.5 Floors.

"1503.5 Corridors.

"1503.7 Identification.

"Sec. 1503.1 Ramps.

"(1) Each ramp shall have a slope not greater than 1 foot in 12 feet, shall be of no less than 4 feet clear width, and shall be structurally designed to carry a minimum of 100 pounds per square foot live load.

"(2) Each ramp shall have handrails, on at least one side, and preferably both sides, 32 inches in height, measured from the surface of the ramp, and 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inch diameter or width, that are smooth, and that extend one foot beyond the top and bottom of the ramp.

"(3) Each ramp shall have a surface that is non-slip both when wet and dry.

"(4) Each ramp shall have a level platform at the top which is at least 5 feet by 5 feet if a door swings out onto the platform or toward the ramp. Ramps shall have a level platform at least 3 feet deep and 5 feet wide if the door does not swing onto the platform or toward the ramp. In either instance, the platform shall extend at least 24 inches beyond the side of the door which swings out.

"(5) Each ramp shall have at least 5 feet of straight level clearance at its base.

-11-

"(6) Each ramp more than 30 feet long shall have one or more level platforms at intervals of not more than 30 feet for purposes of rest and safety and shall have level platforms wherever the ramp changes direction.

*Sec. 1503.2 Building Access.

"(1) At least one door available for entrance to an exit from each building or structure shall be accessible to and useable by physically handicapped persons from the parking lot or the nearest street by means of a walk uninterrupted by steps, abrupt gradient changes or other obstructions. All emergency egress doors must be accessible by the handicapped.

"(2) In elevator equipped buildings, at least one entrance usable by handicapped persons shall be on a level accessible to elevators.

*Sec. 1503.3 Doors and doorways.

"(1) Doors leading to exits in public areas of buildings and facilities covered by this article, and doors in hotel and motel units and apartment units allocated to handicapped persons shall have a minimum clear width of 32 inches and be operable by a single effort requiring a force of no more than 8.5 pounds in the case of outside doors and no more than 5 pounds in the case of inside doors. Loop or lever-type door handles are to be preferred. Two-leaf doors

are not acceptable unless one of the two leaves meets these requirements.

"(2) Vestibule doors shall have a space between them and the primary door of not less than 73 inches measured from their closed positions. The swing of primary entrance doors in vestibules shall not conflict with the swing of the vestibule doors.

"(3) The floor paving on the outside of each exterior door shall be level (within a tolerance of 1/8 inch per foot slope) for a distance of 5 feet from the door.

"(4) The bottom rail (or kick plate) on all glazed doors shall have a minimum height of 10 inches.

"(5) Door thresholds shall be flush where possible, but in no case shall have a height exceeding 5/8 inch with beveled edges.

"(6) Doors with large areas of glass shall have markings on the glass to prevent accidents.

"Sec. 1503.4 Stairs.

"Stairs shall conform to the appropriate section of this Code with the following additional requirements:

"(1) Stair risers for required egress stairs leading upward toward an exit shall be closed, sloped out and without squared or sharply projecting nosing. The edge of the nosing shall be clearly distinguishable. Stair

-13-

treads shall extend not more than 1 1/2 inches beyond the base of the riser below. Treads shall have non-slip surfaces or nosings.

"(2) Stairs shall have continuous handrails 32 inches high as measured from the tread at the face of the riser.

"(3) Stairs shall have at least one continuous handrail that extends at least 12 inches beyond the top riser and beyond the bottom riser, and care should be taken that the extension is not in and of itself a hazard.

"(4) Steps shall have risers which do not exceed 7 1/4 inches.

*Sec. 1503.5 Floors.

Floors on a given level shall be at a common level throughout or shall have a maximum gradient of 2 per cent. Where practicable, where 2 floor surfaces of different levels meet, an elevator or proper ramp following the specifications established in section 1507.0 of this Code shall be provided. Stages, balconies and bleachers are not subject to this requirement.

*Sec. 1503.6 Corridors.

Except as provided below, corridors must have been a minimum clear width of 60 inches.

"(1) Where it is not practical to provide a 60-inch corridor, this requirement may be met by providing, at reasonable intervals in the corridor, a minimum width of 60 inches where a person in a wheelchair can reverse directions.

"(2) This section shall not apply where a greater minimum width is required by this Code.

"(3) Corridors serving not more than 3 dwellings or rooming units which are not allocated to physically handicapped persons in L-1 Occupancy may be 36 inches wide.

"Sec. 1503.7 Identification.

"(1) Raised letters or numbers shall be used to identify doors leading to public facilities and emergency facilities and shall be block letters and numbers, at least 1/2 inch high, in contrasting colors.

"(2) Raised identification mentioned in this subsection (1) shall be located at a height from 3 feet to 5 feet from the floor, and from 4 inches to 12 inches from the door jamb, on the side opposite the door hinges.

"(3) Doors that are not intended for normal use, which might prove dangerous if a blind person were to exit or enter by them, shall be made quickly identifiable to the touch by knurling the door handle or knob, except exits designated for emergency use.".

(b) The last sentence of Section 503.5 of the Building Code is amended to read as follows:

"To overcome lesser differences in level, ramps with slope of not more than one foot in twelve feet may be used".

(c) Section 608.2 of the Building Code is amended to read as follows:

"Ramps shall have slopes not greater than 1 foot in 12 feet".

(d) Section 611.4 of the Building Code is amended as follows:

(1) The title is amended to read as follows:
"611.4 Turnstiles and Check-out Lanes".

(2) The entire paragraph is redesignated as paragraph "(1) Turnstiles" and the following sentences are inserted after the third sentence: "Where turnstiles are provided as required exits for physically handicapped persons, turnstiles must provide 36 inches clear width as the turnstile rotates and the passage shall be clearly marked with the international symbol of accessibility".

(3) The following paragraph (2) is inserted:
"(2) Check-out lanes. A minimum of 10 percent of the total check-out lanes per floor, but not less than 1, shall have a width of not less than 36 inches".

(e) The first sentence of section 525.10(5) of the Building Code is amended to read as follows:

"(5) Steps shall not be placed in aisles unless the gradient would otherwise exceed one foot rise in 12 feet run.".

(f) The second sentence of section 525.12 of the Building Code is amended to read as follows:

"Such ramps, where employed, shall slope not over 1 foot in 12 feet, and shall be surfaced by a non-slip material approved for that purpose.".

(g) The Table of Contents of the Building Code is amended by adding the following provisions at the end thereof:

"ARTICLE 15. ARCHITECTURAL BARRIER FREE DESIGN"

"Section 1500.0 Scope"

"Section 1501.0 Applicability"

"Section 1502.0 Requirements According to Type of Occupancy"

"Section 1503.0 Accessibility".

Sec. 4. The District of Columbia Plumbing Code, effective August 25, 1972 (Req. 72-19; title 5C-2 D.C.R.R.) is amended by adding the following new section 211:

"211 ARCHITECTURAL BARRIER FREE DESIGN REQUIREMENTS"

"211-1 Scope"

"Buildings and structures governed by the architectural barrier free design requirements of Article 15 of the Building Code, shall be designed in compliance with the requirements of this section.

*211-2 Toilet Rooms

"Public toilet rooms shall be accessible to physically handicapped persons and shall meet the requirements of this section.

"(a) Traffic Lanes

"Toilet rooms shall have space to allow traffic of individuals in wheelchairs. A minimum clear floor space of 50 inches in diameter shall be provided with no interference from the swing of the door.

"(b) Water Closet Stalls

"Where water closet stalls are provided, at least one stall for physically handicapped persons shall provide for wheelchair access from either the front or the side of the water closet. The stall shall have a minimum width of 60 inches and a minimum depth of 50 inches. If a door to the stall is provided, it shall swing out or slide and provide a clear opening of not less than 32 inches. There shall be a minimum clear floor space of 42 inches in front of the stall opening.

"(1) Handrails shall be provided on the side wall nearest the water closet, and on the rear wall. Handrails shall be not less than 42 inches long, 32 inches above and parallel to the floor, extending at least 24 inches in front of the water closet. Each handrail shall be 1 1/2 inches outside diameter with no more than 1 1/2 inches clearance between rail and wall, anchored so as to sustain a live load of 300 pounds.

"(2) The water closet shall be located with its center line 18 inches from one wall and shall have a seat 15 to 20 inches above the floor.

"(c) Doors

"The door leading into a toilet room shall have a minimum clear width of 32 inches. If a threshold is used, the sills shall be not more than 5/8" in height and have beveled edges. The corridor leading into a toilet room shall have a minimum clear width of 36 inches. There shall be a minimum of 24 inches of maneuvering space for wheelchairs adjacent to the latch side of the entrance door of the toilet room if that door swings toward the direction of entry.

"(d) Lavatories

"Toilet rooms shall have at least one lavatory with narrow aprons, having a clearance of 27 inches measured from

the floor to the bottom of the apron and not more than 32 inches to the top. Water temperature to this lavatory's outlets shall not exceed 120 degrees F. or exposed hot water lines and drains shall be fully insulated.

"(e) Mirrors and Shelves

"When mirrors and shelves are provided, at least one mirror and one shelf shall be placed above lavatories at a height not to exceed 40 inches above the floor, measured from the bottom of the mirror.

"(f) Urinals

"Toilet rooms which contain urinals shall have at least one urinal which is either a wall-mounted elongated type with the opening of the basin not more than 17 inches from the floor, or a stall type urinal with the lip at floor level.

"(g) Towel Racks and Dispensers

"Toilet rooms shall have at least one towel rack, one towel dispenser, or other dispenser and disposal unit mounted with the highest operating control located at a height not to exceed 40 inches from the floor.

"(h) Shower Stalls

"Where individual shower stalls are provided, 5 percent, or a minimum of 1, shall be usable by and accessible to physically handicapped persons, including persons in

wheelchairs. The floor surfaces of all showers shall be of a permanently-maintained non-slip nature wet or dry. A seat shall be positioned above the floor and shall be hinged to fold against the wall. A grab rail meeting the requirements of 211-2(b)(1) shall be provided. The water control, diversionary water spray, and soap tray shall be placed at a height not to exceed 40 inches above the floor. All controls shall be single-lever type. A water temperature control must be installed to maintain a maximum 120 degrees F.

"(i) Special Application of Requirements

"The requirements of this section shall also be applicable, where appropriate, to toilet rooms in apartment units and hotel and motel units allocated to physically handicapped persons pursuant to Article 15 of the Building Code.

"211-3 Water Fountains

"Water fountains shall be usable by, and accessible to physically handicapped persons, including persons in wheelchairs."

Sec. 5. The District of Columbia Elevator Code, effective November 3, 1977 (D.C. Law 2-35; title 5E-1 D.C.R.R.) is amended by adding the following section 1.11(11):

"Sec. 1.11(11) ARCHITECTURAL BARRIER FREE DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

"The following requirements shall be applicable to buildings and structures governed by the architectural barrier free design requirements of Article 15 of the Building Code.

"1. To the maximum extent possible, interior access in multi-story buildings shall be provided by elevators which shall be identified as usable by physically handicapped persons.

"2. The elevator cab shall have a clear floor area of not less than 30 square feet, with a minimum dimension of 60 inches.

"3. The elevator door shall have a minimum clear opening of 32 inches.

"4. The highest essential controls in the elevator shall be located not more than 4 feet above the floor.

"5. Raised letters shall be provided adjacent to all cab control buttons and switches.

"6. Plates with raised letters shall be provided for floor designation on each floor, 5 feet above the floor, at a fixed point at the open side of the elevator door.

"7. Raised letters and numbers shall be block letters and numbers, a minimum of 1/2 inch high, with contrasting colors.

"3. The elevator cab shall contain a telephone located no more than 54 inches above the floor, with a minimum cord length of 48 inches. The telephone shall meet the requirements of section 211.1 of this Code.

"9. Walk-up garden-type apartments of 2 or 3 stories shall be exempt from these requirements provided that apartments allocated to physically handicapped persons comply in all other respects with the applicable requirements of the District of Columbia Architectural Barriers Act of 1980.".

Sec. 6. The District of Columbia Electrical Code, effective September 21, 1977 (D.C. Law 2-17; title 53-2 D.C.R.R.) is amended by adding a new section "C" to article 380 - SWITCHES to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 380 - SWITCHES

"C. ARCHITECTURAL BARRIER FREE DESIGN REQUIREMENTS"

"380-20 Design Requirements"

"Buildings and structures governed by the architectural barrier free design requirements of Article 15 of the Building Code, shall be designed in compliance with the requirements of this section."

"(a) Controls for fire alarms, doors and for heat, light and ventilation in rooms, or other similar controls of

frequent and essential use, shall be placed no higher than 54 inches above the floor.

"(b) In conjunction with fire alarm bells, approved visual alarms shall be provided and integrated with the bells to be activated at the same time. Exit lights that flash in conjunction with the fire alarm system may be used to serve this purpose.

"(c) In hotel and motel units and apartment units allocated to physically handicapped persons pursuant to Article 15 of the Building Code, all electrical switches shall be mounted a maximum of 54 inches above the floor and electrical outlets shall be no less than 18 inches from the floor.

"(d) To the maximum extent practicable, in all other buildings and facilities subject to this section, electrical switches and electrical outlets shall comply with the provisions of paragraph (c)."

Sec. 7. Architectural Barrier Free Design Requirements in Other Areas.

The Mayor shall establish necessary rules and regulations to ensure that all areas which are open to and used by the general public and which are regulated by or are under the control of the District government be made

accessible to physically handicapped persons consistent with this section.

(a) Public Sidewalks.

To the extent permitted by topography, public safety, and other factors as determined by the Mayor public sidewalks shall comply with the provisions set forth in this subsection:

(1) Public walks shall be uninterrupted by steps, abrupt gradient changes or other obstructions and shall have no side slope greater than 1 inch in 48 inches and shall be at least 60 inches wide and have a gradient of not more than 5 percent.

(2) Where walks intersect with other walks they shall blend to a common level.

(3) Curb cuts shall not in and of themselves be a hazard to the blind. There shall be a distinct change in texture in the surface of the curb cut from the texture of the walk. Curb cuts shall be beveled to street level with a maximum allowable lip of 1/2 inch.

(b) Parking Lots.

In all parking lots and garages where persons park their own vehicles, parking spaces shall be set aside and identified as reserved for physically handicapped persons only. Parking lots and garages which are of accessory use

to federal buildings or chanceries are exempt from these requirements.

(1) Two or more small parking areas appurtenant to any one building or facility shall be considered as a single parking lot for the purpose of this subsection.

(2) In parking lots that have at least 10 but not more than 50 spaces, at least two spaces shall be set aside for use by physically handicapped persons.

(3) In parking lots with more than 50 spaces, a minimum of 4 percent shall be set aside for the handicapped.

(4) Parking spaces identified for exclusive use by the physically handicapped shall be not less than 12 feet wide, except that where it is safe and practical to do so, spaces may be 9 feet wide if they are located next to an unobstructed aisle or walkway which is at least 36 inches wide.

(5) Parking spaces for the physically handicapped shall be located as near as possible to the accessible entrances of the building or facility served. To the extent practical, parking spaces shall be located so that physically handicapped persons are not compelled to walk or wheel across main traffic lanes or behind cars to reach entrances, ramps, walkways, and elevators. Storm drainage

gates shall not be located within the required means of access for physically handicapped persons.

(c) Public Telephones.

(1) Public coin telephones shall be fully accessible to persons in wheelchairs with all controls located no more than 54 inches above the floor where wheelchair confined users have a side reach or 48 inches high where the telephone must be approached by frontal reach.

(2) Telephones shall be compatible with hearing aids, and if banks of telephones are provided, 5 percent but no less than one in a building or facility shall be equipped with volume control.

(d) Library Stacks, Aisles.

The width between library stacks shall be no less than 32 inches and the turning radius at the end of the stack shall be no less than 50 inches.

(e) Accommodations for the Hearing Impaired.

(1) Auditoriums, theaters, and other places of assembly equipped with fixed seating shall provide facilities or devices to enable persons with hearing disabilities to participate fully in the activities held in the place of assembly. The performance capacity required of the facilities or devices should come as close as possible

to normalizing the hearing of the persons with a hearing disability, to the extent that available and marketed technology permits. The facilities for the hearing impaired or devices therein shall be maintained in good operating condition.

(2) The facilities or devices for persons with hearing disabilities shall be located in performance viewing and convenient participation positions. According the following schedule:

<u>Capacity of Assembly Space</u>	<u>Number of Persons Provided with Hearing Facilities and Devices</u>
up to 50	minimum 3
51 to 100	minimum 5
101 to 500	minimum 12
501 to 1000	minimum 16
1001 to 1500	minimum 20
Over 1500	minimum 20 plus 1 for each 300 over 1500

(f) Penalties.

Any person who violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than three hundred dollars (\$300) or imprisoned for not more than ten (10) days, or both, for each and every violation.

Sec. 8. Section 97A(3)(4) of Article XIII of Part I of the Highways and Traffic Regulations of the District of Columbia, effective April 5, 1977 (Regulation 73-12), is

amended to read as follows: "(+) Any driver holding a valid special parking permit for the physically disabled, or its equivalent, issued by any State or jurisdiction shall be granted the special parking privileges established by this subsection."

Sec. 9. Severability.

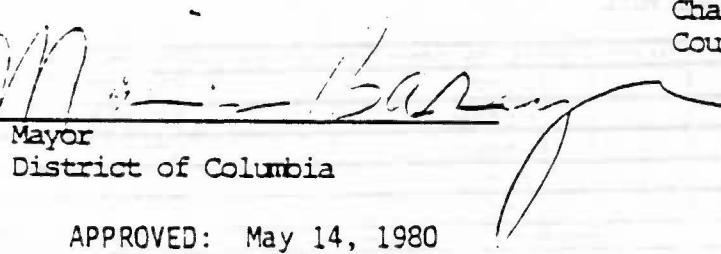
If any provision of this act, or any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or word, or the application thereof, in any circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the act and of the application of any such provision, section, sentence, clause, phrase, or word shall not be affected.

Sec. 10. This act shall take effect after a thirty (30) day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto) as provided in section 502(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act.

Approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code, sec. 1-147(c)(1)).


Walter D. Washington

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia


Marion Barry
Mayor
District of Columbia

APPROVED: May 14, 1980

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

SIXTH OFFICIAL COUNCIL ACTION

DOCKET NO: Bill 3-108

ACTION: To Adopt (2-19-80) First Reading

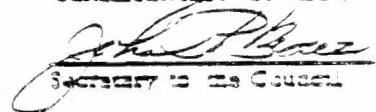
 VOICE VOTE: Unanimous

Absent: Moore

 ROLL CALL VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	ABSENT	Absent	Absent	Absent	COUNCIL MEMBER	ABSENT	Absent	Absent	COUNCIL MEMBER	ABSENT	Absent	Absent
DIXON					KANE				SHACKLETON			
WINTER					MASON				SPAUOLDING			
CLARK					MOORE				NELSON			
GARRETT					RAY							
TROTTS					ROTHSTEIN							

CERTIFICATION OF RECORD



Secretary to the Council

ACTION: To Adopt (4-1-80) Amended First Reading

 VOICE VOTE: Unanimous

Absent: Jarvis and Winter

 ROLL CALL VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	ABSENT	Absent	Absent	Absent	COUNCIL MEMBER	ABSENT	Absent	Absent	COUNCIL MEMBER	ABSENT	Absent	Absent
DIXON					FRAYNE				SHACKLETON			
WINTER					MASON				SPAUOLDING			
CLARK					MOORE				NELSON			
GARRETT					RAY							
TROTTS					ROTHSTEIN							

CERTIFICATION OF RECORD



Secretary to the Council

ACTION: To Adopt (4-22-80) Final Reading

 VOICE VOTE: Unanimous

Absent: All Present

 ROLL CALL VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	ABSENT	Absent	Absent	Absent	COUNCIL MEMBER	ABSENT	Absent	Absent	COUNCIL MEMBER	ABSENT	Absent	Absent
DIXON					FRAYNE				SHACKLETON			
WINTER					MASON				SPAUOLDING			
CLARK					MOORE				NELSON			
GARRETT					RAY							
TROTTS					ROTHSTEIN							

CERTIFICATION OF RECORD



Secretary to the Council