

In October 2018, the State of Illinois Capital Development Board finalized updates to the Illinois Accessibility Code (IAC) which better align the State of Illinois's accessibility requirements with the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. In many ways, Chapter 18-11 of the Municipal Code of Chicago (containing the City of Chicago's accessibility requirements) is already aligned with the ADA standards and the updated IAC. In a few instances, however, the updated IAC imposes additional requirements, which the City is obligated to enforce in connection with issuance of building permits. This document details transitional provisions.

New Illinois Accessibility Code

The new Illinois Accessibility Code was sent to the Secretary of State on October 23, 2018, and published in the *Illinois Register*, the official record of rulemaking by state agencies, on November 9, 2018. 42 Ill. Reg. 19696 (Nov. 9, 2018). The *Illinois Register* can be found online at:

<https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/index/register/>

Implementation

In consultation with the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) and Capital Development Board, the Department of Buildings has determined that the new IAC will be applied to permit applications as follows:

Beginning November 9, 2018, any permit applicant may **request** that their project be reviewed *in full* under the accessibility requirements of the Chicago Building Code and the new IAC. This request should be marked clearly on the MOPD data form and first sheet of the plans.

For permit applications where the permit fee deposit is paid on or after **May 1, 2019**, the Department will assume that a specific contract for planning was first awarded after October 23, 2018 and/or construction will begin on or after October 23, 2019, making compliance with the new IAC mandatory. These permit applications will be reviewed under the accessibility requirements of the Chicago Building Code and the new IAC unless eligibility to use the old IAC is documented through the alternative code approval process.

Technical Assistance

MOPD provides pre-permit plan review to assist architects, builders and developers in the early stages of plan development with accessibility requirements.

Pre-permit plan reviews for accessibility compliance for an initial fee of \$150. Additional meetings on the same project are available for an additional fee of \$100.

Call MOPD's Accessibility Compliance Unit for an appointment:

(312) 744-4441 (voice) / (312) 744-4964 (TTY)

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This formal interpretation of the specified provision(s) of the Chicago Building Code is adopted by the building commissioner pursuant to section 13-8-031 of the Municipal Code of Chicago and is enforceable in the same manner as the building code. To confirm current version, please visit www.cityofchicago.org/buildings.