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## ADA COMPLIANCE

Approval of a building permit does not indicate you are in compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or with all California statutes regarding accessibility. Plan check examination and project design is performed according to the requirements of the California Building Standards contained in the California Code of Regulations Title 24 (California Building Codes). Compliance with the Building Codes does not guarantee you are aligned with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the California Unruh Act, or any other civil rights legislations regarding accessibility for persons with disabilities. You may be required to perform additional upgrades and or offer alternative methods of compliance in order to meet your State and Federal obligations.

Please note that contrary to popular myth, **no building is “grandfathered”** under federal law. **All existing buildings have an ongoing obligation to remove barriers** whenever readily achievable and to offer alternate methods of offering goods and services when barriers cannot be removed.

Information published by the U.S. Department of Justice outlines the ongoing barrier removal requirements for “existing buildings” and offers suggestions on possible solutions for dealing with existing barriers can be found at the following web addresses:

<http://www.ada.gov/>

[www.ada.gov/regs2010/smallbusiness/smallbusprimer2010.htm](http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/smallbusiness/smallbusprimer2010.htm)

The California Division of the State Architect has established a Certified Access Specialist Program (CASp). With a CASp Inspection, property owners, tenants and business owners receive legal benefits that may reduce and/or eliminate financial liability in a lawsuit. For more information, and to find a CASp in your area, please visit <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/casp>.

In this regard, we now require the design professional forward this information to the owner or tenant of the public accommodation or commercial entity addressed in this permit.

Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

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Design Professional / Designer

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Date

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Owner or Owner’s Representative

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Date