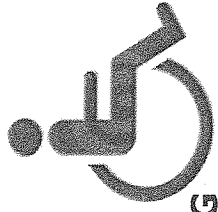




Arlington County, Virginia
 Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development
 Inspection Services Division



ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE FORM APPLIES TO

ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS EXCEPT ONE & TWO FAMILY DWELLING

A.	Customer's Information	<p>Important: Applicant to complete all non-shaded areas and mark or circle where applicable.</p> <p>Important: Level of compliance - Occupancy is contingent upon an accurate assessment of the space and compliance with the requirements of the 2006 International Building Code (IBC) and the 2003 ICC/ANSI A117.</p>	
	Project Name	<p>"Arlington County ISD Inspectors will determine FINAL compliance acceptance."</p>	
B.	Project address	Number and Street <i>1100 S. Hayes Street</i>	Suite <i>703-415-2401</i>
	Level of Compliance:	<p>Note that the level of compliance fields is intended for the Owner or the Designer to fill. Failure to comply with this requirement would result in the delay of the review process. Please read CAREFULLY and check the box that applies.</p>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.	<p>The accessible route, from the accessible parking to the altered space, including the restrooms and drinking fountains serving that space, is in full compliance with the accessible requirements of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.</p>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.	<p>If this box (1) is checked, sufficient details must be included or attached to the set to show the compliance.</p> <p>Alteration is not to a primary function area.</p>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.	<p>Improvement to the accessible route will provide full compliance with the accessibility requirements of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, and will include upgrading of the following items:</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4.	<p>The cost of providing a fully compliant route exceeds 20% of the cost of the proposed alterations; including mechanical, electrical and plumbing costs (see IBC section 3409.7). Accordingly compliance will only be provided up to the 20% limit and will include upgrading the following items: (the accessible route includes any restrooms and drinking fountains that serve the primary function area.)</p> <p>Estimated cost of Alterations: \$ _____ Estimated cost of improving accessibility: \$ _____</p>		
C.	Certification	<p>I hereby certify as the Designer/ Owner of the above mentioned project, that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct, and that the construction documents and the accessible route will conform to the Current adopted Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.</p>	
	Name (print)	Signature	Date

Building Arlington

Accessibility

Accessibility Requirements and Guidelines

Accessibility is an important component of Arlington County's building regulations, with the goal of providing equal access to all. When you begin a renovation or addition project to a commercial building (one- and two-family buildings are exempt), determine the accessibility requirements using these guidelines and budgeting appropriately.

Arlington County, like many communities, follows the ICC International Building Code (IBC) as part of the Virginia Uniform Building Code adopted code in the United States, and it meets the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Fair Housing Act. The IBC in its legislation can adapt the code to its specific needs. In this case, the Arlington County Building Department can only enforce the code within a given side. These provisions do not address public right-of-way.

Compliance Process

The Arlington County Inspection Services Division (ISD) requires that you submit two items for consideration:

- The [Accessibility Compliance form](#) with all construction documents for alteration and addition to all buildings (with the exception of one- and two-family buildings)
- A cost-disproportionality statement signed and sealed by a Virginia-registered design professional and/or the building owner, indicating the improvements to be made to the path of travel within the 20% prescription.

Project Requirements and Budget

The VUSBC requires that when a commercial building an alteration or addition is made to an area containing a "primary function" accessible "path of travel," as long as the cost of making an accessible path of travel is not disproportionate to the cost of construction.

- "Primary function" areas include, but are not limited to, spaces such as lobbies, dining areas, meeting rooms and other areas used for the building's primary function.
- "Path of travel" is the route that one would take from the building entrance to the altered area, as well as the route to and from the altered area. Path of travel also includes the areas containing these services and the fixtures and elements used to serve the altered area.
- "Disproportionality" is defined as 20% of the cost of adding to or altering a primary function area. This means that if a building owner alters a primary function area, he/she would have to spend up to an additional \$200 towards creating an accessible path of travel. VUSBC's 20% additional cost figure applies.

Contact Us

Please contact us at (703) 228-3800 if you have questions about the disproportionality rule or if you need additional information.