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NOTICE

Date: 3/21/12

From: Chris Bainbridge, Director of Codes Enforcement

Re: Changes to the Tennessee Public Buildings Accessibility Act

State of Tennessee Public Chapter 517 (attached) changes the accessibility standards on July 1, 2012. At that time the standard will be the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. The UFAS and ADAAG referred to in the current language of the statute will no longer be enforced federally.

In order to comply with the Tennessee Public Accessibility Act until Public Chapter 517 is effective, designers have the following options:

Projects Submitted from March 15, 2012 through June 30, 2012

1) Submit plans to the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.
2) Submit plans to the 2002 North Carolina Handicapped Code with 2004 Amendments.

Projects Submitted July 1, 2012 and after
Submit plans to the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design

Attachment

State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 517

SENATE BILL NO. 2203

By Norris, Ketron, Faulk

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2341

By McCormick, Swann, Ragan, Hardaway, Parkinson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-204(a)(1), relative to adoption of 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-204(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

> (a)(1) Any public building that is constructed, enlarged, or substantially altered or repaired after July 1, 2012, shall be designed and constructed pursuant to specifications, approved by the responsible authority, making such building accessible to, and usable by, persons who have a physical disability. The minimum specifications, except as provided in subdivision (a)(2) and Section 68-120-205, shall be the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, and any further amendments, supplements or subsequent editions, or any other code as the state fire marshal determines by rule. The minimum specifications for a project shall be those in effect at the time the project is submitted to the responsible authority for final approval of the construction, enlargement, alteration, or repair.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

SENATE BILL NO. 2203

PASSED: February 9, 2012

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

BETH HARWELL, *SPEAKER*
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23rd day of February 2012

BILL HASLAM, *GOVERNOR*