Accessibility Code 1341 TAG
Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024
Meeting Location: DLI Isanti Room/WebEx Event

Call to order:

Karen Gridley

Attendance:

TAG Members attending: Dori Dufresne, David Fenley, Chris Machmer, Lee Gladitsch, Karen Gridley, Dave Mathews, Mara Peterson, Haidee Tan
TAG Members not attending:
Guests attending: Mike Bunnell, Alexis Johnson, Nicole Kastern, Britt McAdamis, Kevin Rolfes, Michele Severson, Josh Simma, Amanda Spuckler

Worksheet and Code Change Proposal Review:

Reviewed Worksheet items listed below constituting the more impactful changes in Chapter 11 of the 2024 IBC, and the 2017 edition of ICC A117.1 Standard.

A117.1 Worksheet Item 43 - Proposed Code Change Acc-11 to A117.1 Section 502.11.3.1 Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stall Signage.
TAG members recommend accepting the proposed change as modified during the meeting to require the access aisle be on the passenger side of angled charging stalls, to require signage stating "Use Last | Designed for Accessibility" at the accessible charging stall, increase the upper limit of the mounting height range to 72" max and modify the word "parking" to say "vehicle" space in the exception.

A117.1 Worksheet Item 47 – Section 506. Windows.
TAG consensus is to accept the model code language which clarifies the requirements where operable windows are provided.

A117.1 Worksheet Item 48 – Section 507. Accessible routes through parking lots.
TAG consensus was to reject the model code change to require any accessible route that goes through a parking lot to be physically separated from vehicular traffic. This is scoping language, not technical design language. It would be difficult for code officials to enforce because there are no design criteria. Designs could easily result in an extremely long route for persons with mobility limitations if designers wrap the route around the perimeter

of a site to avoid creating separations in parking lots, or risk impacting zoning parking stall quantity requirements. Especially on sites with multiple buildings, or sites with remote accessible electric vehicle charging areas needing an accessible route to a building.

A117.1 Worksheet Item 50 – A117.1 Sections 604.3.2 – 604.3.3, and 604.9.2, and Proposed Code Change Acc-15 Toilet clearance depth and compartment size.
Tabled proposed change to make edits discussed related to increasing the required depth in front of the toilet from 48" to 52" and the overall compartment depth dependent on if the door swings in or out, with a larger depth for in-swinging doors to ensure a clear floor space beyond the door swing. Modify 1341 with new language due to increased clear floor space size.

A117.1 Worksheet Item 52 – A117.1 Sections 604.5.1 - 604.5.1.2, and 609.4.2. Fixed sidewall grab bar.
TAG consensus is to delete the MN 1341 amendment and accept the model code because it is substantively similar for adult height grab bars, and the model code now incorporates children's use vertical grab bar requirements.

A117.1 Worksheet Item 54 – Proposed Code Change Acc-16 and A117.1 Section 604.7 and 604.7.1. Toilet paper dispensers.
TAG consensus was to modify the proposed changes and accept the model code. Modifications were made to the proposed change during meeting.

A117.1 Worksheet Item 55 – A117.1 Section 604.9.3. Compartment doors.
TAG consensus was to delete MN amendment and accept model code because the model is substantively similar to the 1341 amendment. The model language is simply rearranged from how the 1341 language is written and separates 3 items into individual exceptions.

A117.1 Worksheet Item 57 – Proposed Code Change Acc-17 and A117.1 Section 604.9.5.1. Toe clearance at wheelchair accessible toilet compartments.
TAG consensus was to accept the proposed change to add an exception allowing the toe clearance to be omitted if a clear turning space is provided within the compartment. The only function of the toe clearance under compartment partitions is so that a turn can be made within the compartment for smaller compartments. But if the turn can be accomplished within the compartment the new exception provides an overt clarification of the intent of the requirement.

A117.1 Worksheet Item 61 – A117.1 Section 608.2.1.2.1 and 608.2.1.2.2. Clear floor space at transfer-type showers.
TAG consensus was to accept the model code which adds 2 subsections to address the increased depth of the clear floor space to 52" and corrects a previous typo from 30" to 36" for a clear floor space outside transfer-type showers of 36" x 52".

A117.1 Worksheet Item 62 – Proposed code change Acc-18 and A117.1 Sections 608.2.1.3, 608.2.2.3 and 60832.3.2. Shower seat exemptions for 1-3's and assisted living facilities.
TAG consensus was to accept the proposed change as modified during the meeting to delete the words "wall mounted folding or non-folding" when referring to the seat. These words are not needed, the language in the proposed change can simply say, "the seat".

A117.1 Worksheet Item 65 – Section 608.5. Hand showers.

TAG consensus was to delete the MN 1341 amendment and accept the model code. The new language covers the MN amendment language, so the 1341 language is no longer required. The model requires a holder for the hand shower at a height of 38" – 48" and adds an exception that allows a fixed shower head at 48" in lieu of an adjustable height hand shower in occupancies other than Accessible or Type A dwelling units.

A117.1 Worksheet Item 68 – New Section 613. Adult changing stations.
The chair explained the extensive new language that was developed as directed by executive order for the building code to now require adult changing facilities. The intent of the new language is to apply to public and common-use spaces. An interested party was concerned that there aren't more stringent requirements to provide adult changing tables within special education settings and may submit a proposed code change.

Next Meeting:

Date: July 3, 2024
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: DLI Isanti Room

Meeting Adjourned: 12:02 PM

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