

Ken Lawson, Secretary

Rick Scott, Governor

March 12, 2012

Allison Nichol, Chief
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Civil Rights Division
Disability Rights Section – NYA
Washington, DC 20530

Re: Request for Certification of the 2012 Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction

Dear Ms. Nichol:

On behalf of the Florida Building Commission and the Codes and Standards Office within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, I am submitting the enclosed materials for review and certification by the Department of Justice.

We have included the following:

- a paper and an electronic copy (on CD in PDF format) of the 2012 Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction;
- a paper and an electronic copy (on CD in Microsoft Word format) of our side-by-side comparison of Florida's code to the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, September 15, 2010;
- a paper and an electronic copy (on CD in Microsoft Word format) of Part II of Chapter 553, Florida Statutes, which contains Florida-specific amendments making some portions the Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction more stringent than the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design;
- a paper copy of Rule 9G20-4, Florida Administrative Code, adopting the 2012 Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction as material incorporated by reference (which can be accessed at the Florida Department of State's website at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/Department.asp?toType=&DeptID=61>.)
- a paper copy of the notice of intent to seek certification, which was published in Volume 38/03 of the Florida Administrative Weekly on January 20, 2012; and
- a paper transcript of the public hearing on the certification issue.

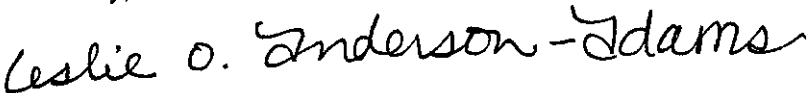
There are no standards adopted into the code beyond those adopted in the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, which we trust need not be provided as part of the certification request package.

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Please note that the 2012 Florida Accessibility Code for Building Construction is color coded. Background shaded text and blue print text indicate changes to the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. Requirements based on Florida law are indicated by gray background shading. Requirements based on the U.S. Department of Justice regulations 28 C.F.R., Part 35 and 28 C.F.R., Part 36 and the U.S. Department of Transportation regulation 49 C.F.R., Part 37 are indicated in blue print. The code can also be accessed on the Florida Building Commission's website at:
[http://www.floridabuilding.org/fbc/committees/accessibility/aac/Changes to Law/Florida Accessibility Code 2012 ICC FINAL.pdf](http://www.floridabuilding.org/fbc/committees/accessibility/aac/Changes%20to%20Law/Florida%20Accessibility%20Code%202012%20ICC%20FINAL.pdf)

Please contact me at 850-717-1724 or leslie.anderson-adams@dbpr.state.fl.us if I may provide further information.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures