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Wheelock Town Hall Accessibility

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Parking

- Number of spaces: One van accessible parking space, located on the shortest accessible route to the designated accessible entrance, is required. 2010 Standards §§ 208.2.2, 208.2.4, 208.3, 502.
- Signage: Signs designating van parking spaces shall contain the designation "van accessible". 2010 Standards §§ 216.5, 502.6.
- Surface: A firm stable and slip resistant surface is required for the accessible parking space and access aisle. Paving, compacted soil mixed additives, gridforms, or finely crushed compacted stone (not gravel) will provide firm, stable and slip resistant surfaces. 2010 Standards §§ 502.4, 302.

Entrances

- West Entrance: A directional sign that indicates the location of the designated accessible entrance is required at the inaccessible west entrance. 2010 Standards §§ 216.6, 703.5.
- East Entrance: A firm stable and slip resistant surface is required for the route from the designated accessible parking space to the ramp. 2010 Standards §§ 502.4, 302.

Entrance Ramp

- Slope: Ramp runs shall have a running slope no greater than 1:12. The ramp to the East entrance is 26' long, and rises 30" – therefore, the slope is approximately 1:10.4. Standards §§ 206.2.1, 405.2.
- Handrail length: Handrails shall be continuous within the full length of each ramp run. The handrails do not continue along the bottom portion of the ramp. 2010 Standards §§ 206.2.1, 405.8, 505.4.
- Handrail obstruction: The gripping surface of the open side handrail is obstructed by the balusters along the bottom. The bottoms of handrail gripping surfaces shall not be obstructed for more than 20 percent of their length. 2010 Standards §§ 206.2.1, 405.8, 505.6.
- Handrail gripping surface: The gripping surface of the handrail appears to have a cross section dimension of more than 2¼ inches. Handrail gripping surfaces with a non-circular cross section shall have a perimeter dimension of 4 inches minimum and 6¼ inches maximum, and a cross-section dimension of 2¼ inches maximum. 2010 Standards §§ 206.2.1, 405.8, 505.7.2.
- Handrail extension: Ramp handrails shall extend horizontally above the landing for 12 inches minimum beyond the top and bottom of ramp runs. Extensions shall return to a wall, guard, or the landing surface. The handrails do not extend beyond the bottom of the ramp run. 2010 Standards §§ 206.2.1, 405.8, 505.10.1.

- Ramp obstruction: Objects with leading edges more than 27 inches and not more than 80 inches above the finish floor or ground shall protrude 4 inches maximum horizontally into the circulation path. There is an exterior light sconce that protrudes into the path of travel on the ramp. The sconce is 65'' high, and protrudes 8'' into the path of travel. 2010 Standards §§ 204.1, 307.2.

Internal Building Accessibility

- Stage: If the stage is used by the public, then an accessible route is required. Where a circulation path directly connects a performance area to an assembly seating area, an accessible route shall directly connect the assembly seating area with the performance area. 2010 Standards §§ 206.2.6, 402.2.
- West-side Interior Stairs: It looks like the underside of the tread nosing is not curved or beveled. Nosings that project beyond risers shall have the underside of the leading edge curved or beveled. 2010 Standards §§ 210.1, 504.5.
- Staircase Handrails: Handrails are required on both sides of stairs. 2010 Standards §§ 210.1, 504.6, 505.2. At the bottom of a stair flight, handrails shall extend at the slope of the stair flight for a horizontal distance at least equal to one tread depth beyond the last riser nosing. Extension shall return to a wall, guard, or the landing surface. 2010 Standards §§ 210.1, 504.6, 505.10.3
- Town Offices: The clear width of a pathway shall be permitted to be reduced to 32 inches minimum for a length of 24 inches maximum. The pathway between desks to public tax records is 22'' wide. 2010 Standards §§ 206.2.4, 403.5.1.
- Town Office Counter: For a parallel approach, a portion of the counter surface that is 36 inches long minimum and 36 inches high maximum above the finish floor shall be provided. The desk has two side tops: one is 44'' high and the other is 42'' high. 2010 Standards §§ 227.3, 904.4.1.

Restrooms

- Restroom entrances and features: Noncompliant in almost every regard. *See* 2010 Standards §§ 213, 603.
- Restroom signage: Directional signs indicating the location of the nearest accessible toilet room shall be provided and shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility. 2010 Standards §§ 216.8, 703.5, 703.7.2.1. Accessible toilet rooms shall be identified by the International Symbol of Accessibility. 2010 Standards §§ 216.8, 703.7.2.1. A tactile sign with raised characters and Braille is required. 2010 Standards §§ 216.2, 703.1, 703.2, 703.5.