

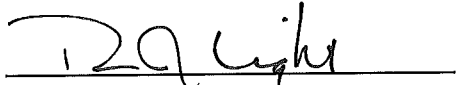
# BC BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE

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INTERPRETATION

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Interpretation Date:	October 18, 2016
Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 2012
Subject:	Parking Stalls for Persons With Disabilities
Keywords:	Parking Stalls, Persons with Disabilities, Accessible
Building Code Reference(s):	3.8.2.3.(1), 3.8.3.4.
<b>Question:</b>	<p>In buildings that do not have sleeping units that are required to be accessible, and that are not required to have accessible viewing positions, are parking stalls for persons with disabilities required when there are fewer than 50 parking stalls?</p>
<b>Interpretation:</b>	<p>No.</p> <p>Clause 3.8.2.3.(1)(b) requires access for disabled persons from a parking area to a building entrance, when off-street parking is provided for persons with disabilities. This Clause does not require that parking stalls be provided for persons with disabilities. It only requires access from those stalls, where the stalls are provided.</p> <p>Articles 3.8.2.4 to 3.8.2.39 contain design requirements for persons with disabilities, for different types of occupancies and floor area uses. None of these Articles require parking stalls for persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Parking stalls for persons with disabilities are required as stated in Article 3.8.3.4. If accessible sleeping units are provided in conformance with Article 3.8.3.14 or if accessible viewing positions are provided in conformance with Article 3.8.3.15, one parking stall for persons with disabilities is required for each such sleeping unit or viewing position. In all other occupancies, the Building Code requires parking stalls for persons with disabilities only where more than 50 parking stalls are provided, in conformance with Sentence 3.8.3.4.(2).</p> <p>Individual jurisdictions may have local parking by-laws that require additional parking stalls for persons with disabilities.</p> <p> R. J. Light, Committee Chair</p>
<p>The views expressed are the consensus of the joint committee with members representing AIBC, APEGBC, BOABC, and POABC, which form the BC Building Code Interpretation Committee. The purpose of the committee is to encourage uniform province wide interpretation of the BC Building Code. These views should not be considered as the official interpretation of legislated requirements based on the BC Building Code, as final responsibility for an interpretation rests with the local <i>Authority Having Jurisdiction</i>. The views of the joint committee should not be construed as legal advice.</p>	
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