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**INTERPRETATION**

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Interpretation Date:	May 21, 2024
Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 2024
Subject:	Lever Handles for Faucets in Adaptable Suites
Keywords:	Adaptable, faucets, lever handle
Building Code Reference(s):	3.8.5.7.(1)(c) & (d), A-3.8.5.7.(1)(c) &(d)
Question:	Are lever handles required on lavatory, bathtub, shower and kitchen sink faucets in adaptable suites?
Interpretation:	<p>No.</p> <p>Refer to Interpretation 24-0023.</p> <p>Adaptable dwelling units are not required to comply with the accessible requirements of Section 3.8. except those provided in Subsection 3.8.5.</p> <p>Subsection 3.8.5. does not include any requirement for lever handles on faucets.</p> <p>Note that adaptable requirements are temporary unrestricted matters with time limitations in the Building Act.</p> <p>Local governments can adopt bylaws to require additional adaptable design features that are more than the building code requirements. Their bylaws cannot include less restrictive requirements than are required by the building code.</p> <p>Check with the AHJ to determine if they have additional adaptable requirements within their community.</p> <p></p> <hr/> <p>Patrick Shek, P.Eng., CP, FEC, Committee Chair</p>
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