



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
CONSTRUCTION CODES COORDINATING BOARD**

*c/o DCRA – 1100 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024*

**CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM**

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**CODE:** Existing Building      **SECTION NO:** 410.7      **SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO** ExBC-EB-4-1-13

**PROPOSING SUBCOMMITTEE:** Existing Building    **CHAIR:** Fetterman    **PHONE:** 202 625 2525      **E-mail:** fetterman-dc@att.net

**DATES OF PROPOSAL:** 3-27-2012      **CCCB PRESENTATION:** 4-12-2012      **CCCB APPROVAL:** **4-19-2012**

CHECK ONE     *Revise section to read as follows:*                       *Delete section and substitute the following:*  
                     *Add new section to read as follows:*                       *Delete section without substitution.*

**TYPE ALL TEXT IN 12-POINT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT**

~~LINE THROUGH TEXT TO BE DELETED~~ (highlight text, under Format, click font and check strikethrough)

UNDERLINE TEXT TO BE ADDED

Use additional sheets of the form, if necessary.

See next page.

Anticipated impact of code change on cost of construction (CHECK ONE)

*Increase*                       *Decrease*                       *Negligible*                       *Unknown*

*Per 1,000 SF single-family dwelling                      to*  
*Per 1,000SF of commercial building                      to*

**JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGE:**

Please reference one or more of the criteria required

- To address a critical life/safety, health, general welfare need.
- To address a specific District of Columbia policy or statute
- For consistency with federal, or with reference to the Metro DC area (MD, VA) codes
- Address a unique character issue in the District of Columbia
- Correction of errors and omissions
- Other (explain)

DC Accessibility TAG maintained a DC code change requiring power doors in Chapter 11 for new construction. To require power doors on altered buildings when the work area has nothing to do with the main entrance would be a hardship. This code change was labeled EX-4-3-13 when approved by the TAG during this code cycle and labeled EX-3-3-11 when approved as a part of 2011 12 DCMR J, on 9-16-2010.



## 410 ACCESSIBILITY FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS

*Strike Section 410.7 of the International Existing Building Code in its entirety and insert Section 410.7 to the Existing Building Code in its place to read as follows:*

**410.7 Alterations affecting an area containing a primary function.** Where an *alteration* affects the accessibility to, or contains an area of, *primary function*, the route to the *primary function* area shall be accessible. The accessible route to the *primary function* area shall include toilet facilities or drinking fountains serving the area of *primary function*.

### **Exceptions:**

1. The costs of providing the accessible route are not required to exceed 20 percent of the costs of the alterations affecting the area of *primary function*.
2. This provision does not apply to *alterations* limited solely to windows, hardware, operating controls, electrical outlets, signs, mechanical systems, electrical systems, installation or *alteration* of fire protection systems and abatement of hazardous materials.
3. This provision does not apply to *alterations* undertaken for the primary purpose of increasing the accessibility of a *facility*.
4. This provision does not apply to altered areas limited to Type B dwelling and sleeping units
5. Power-operated doors at the main building entrance are not required except where that entrance is part of the work area.