CHAPTER 11 - ACCESSIBILITY - AMENDMENTS

The ninth edition building code became first effective on October 20, 2017 and, with a shortened concurrency period, the new code came into full force and effect on January 1, 2018.

The new, ninth edition code is based on modified versions of the following 2015 International Codes as published by the International Code Council (ICC).

- The International Building Code (IBC);
- International Residential Code (IRC);
- International Existing Building Code (IEBC);
- International Mechanical Code (IMC);
- International Energy Conservation Code (IECC);
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC);
- Portions of the International Fire Code (IFC).

Massachusetts amends these code fairly significantly to accommodate for unique issues in the commonwealth. This package of amendments revise the IBC, IEBC, IMC, and IECC.

Please remember that the Massachusetts amendments posted on-line are unofficial versions and are meant for convenience only. Official versions of the Massachusetts amendments may be purchased from the State House Bookstore @ Shop the Bookstore and any of the I-Codes may be purchased from the International Code Council (ICC) @ iccsafe.org.

Additionally, the ICC publishes transition documents that identify changes from the 2009 to the 2015 I-Codes for those who may have interest.

- International Building Code (IBC) Transition
- International Residential Code (IRC) Transition.
1101.1 Replace as follows:

1101.1 Scope. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 22, § 13A, all public buildings shall be designed to be accessible to, and functional and safe for the use by, physically disabled persons, and conform to the requirements of 521 CMR: The Architectural Access Board. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 143, § 3, 521 CMR shall be enforced by the building official or the state inspector, as applicable.

1101.2, and 1102 through 1111.4.2 Delete these sections.