



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
MARK FARRELL, MAYOR

OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
REGINA DICK-ENDRIZZI, DIRECTOR

File No. 180323
Received via email
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April 11, 2018

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
City Hall Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: BOS File No. 180323 - Building Code - Mandatory Disability Access Improvements for Places of Public Accommodation - Extension of Time Deadlines - Deletion of Administrative Fee

Small Business Commission Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors: **Approval, with 1 recommendation to amend.**

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

The Small Business Commission (SBC), recommends approval of BOS File No: 180323 and the extension of the filing deadlines for the Mandatory Disability Access Improvements for Places of Public Accommodation ordinance now referred to as the Accessible Business Entrance Program (ABE). The extension will allow for property owners to better meet the deadline for submitting the Pre-Screening Form or the Compliance Checklist for entryways classified as Category 1 and 2. This extension timeline is helpful to the very small property owners who need more support in understanding the requirements to comply.

The Small Business Commission considers the extension to January 1, 2019 is an adequate amount of time for the small property owners to comply and no further extensions will be needed. The SBC also supports the amendment to require all work to be completed by December 1, 2023. The Small Business Commission extends its appreciation to Director Tom Hui, Department of Building and Inspection and the Building Inspection Commission for waiving the administrative fee.

The SBC has one recommended amendment to the ordinance: The property owner shall provide a minimum of a 30 day notice to the business tenant when permits are required to remediate the barrier(s) of the entryway or sidewalk.

The Commission respectfully requests that you approve this legislation with the one amendment. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Regina Dick-Endrizzi".

Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director, Office of Small Business

cc: Supervisor Katy Tang
Andres Power, Senior Advisor, Office of Mayor Mark Farrell
Angus McCarthy, President, Building Inspection Commission
Tom Hui, Director, Department of Building Inspection
Lisa Pagan, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
Erick Major, Clerk of the Land Use & Transportation Committee