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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Hui, Director, Department of Building Inspection  
Sonya Harris, Secretary, Building Inspection Commission

FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk  
Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: November 20, 2019

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following legislation, introduced by Supervisor Yee on November 12, 2019:

**File No. 191150**

**Ordinance amending the Building Code to extend for an additional six months the times for existing buildings with a place of public accommodation to have all primary entries and paths of travel into the building accessible to persons with disabilities or to receive a City determination of equivalent facilitation, technical infeasibility, or unreasonable hardship, and to extend the period for granting extensions from those deadlines.**

The proposed ordinance is being transmitted pursuant to Charter, Section D3.750-5, for public hearing and recommendation. It is pending before the Land Use and Transportation Committee and will be scheduled for hearing upon receipt of your response.

Please forward me the Commission's recommendation and reports at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: [erica.major@sfgov.org](mailto:erica.major@sfgov.org).

c: William Strawn, Department of Building Inspection  
Patty Lee, Department of Building Inspection

1 [Building Code - Mandatory Disability Access Improvements for Places of Public  
2 Accommodation - Extension of Time Deadlines for an Additional Six Months]

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5 **entries and paths of travel into the building accessible to persons with disabilities or to**  
6 **receive a City determination of equivalent facilitation, technical infeasibility, or**  
7 **unreasonable hardship, and to extend the period for granting extensions from those**  
8 **deadlines.**

9 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.  
10 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
11 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.  
12 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.  
13 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.  
14 **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code  
15 subsections or parts of tables.

16 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

17 Section 1. Findings.

18 (a) Pursuant to Charter Section D3.750-5, the Building Inspection Commission  
19 considered this ordinance at a duly noticed public hearing held on \_\_\_\_\_.

20 (b) Chapter 11D of the Building Code requires the owner of an existing building with  
21 a place of public accommodation to have the building inspected for compliance with  
22 accessible entry and path of travel requirements. If the building is not in compliance, the  
23 owner must either bring the building into compliance or obtain a finding from the City of  
24 equivalent facilitation, technical infeasibility, or unreasonable hardship. Table 1107D sets forth  
25 deadlines for the four compliance categories to submit specified information to DBI, file an  
application for any required building permits, and obtain the required building permits. All

1 mandated work must be completed within the time periods specified in the Building Code for  
2 building permits unless an extension of time is granted pursuant to Section 1108D.

3 (c) Under the Building Code, property owners are responsible for compliance with  
4 Code requirements notwithstanding any leases that may shift some of the burden of  
5 compliance onto the tenants. Many, if not all, of the buildings subject to the Chapter 11D  
6 requirements have multiple leased spaces many of which are operated by small businesses  
7 without a lot of financial resources. This ordinance will extend for an additional six months all  
8 compliance deadlines to resolve compliance issues for those owners who missed past  
9 deadlines and to give building owners and tenants more time to resolve any compliance  
10 issues going forward.

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12 Section 2. The Building Code is hereby amended by revising Section 1107D, to read  
13 as follows:

14 **Chapter 11D**

15 **MANDATORY ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR BUILDINGS WITH A PLACE**  
16 **OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION**

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18 **SECTION 1107D – COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE; OPTION TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT**  
19 **CODE REQUIREMENTS**

20 The times for compliance with the requirements of this Chapter 11D are set forth in the  
21 following Table 1107D. The Owner of a building within the scope of this Chapter must submit  
22 all required forms, documents, and permit applications to the Department prior to the  
23 deadlines set forth in Table 1107D but may comply with the requirements of this Chapter 11D,  
24 or elect to comply with the requirements and procedures of the Building Code then in effect, at  
25 any time prior to the deadlines set forth in Table 1107D.

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TABLE 1107D COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE				
Category	Category Description	Submit compliance Checklist and specify compliance Option	File application for required building permit(s)	Obtain required building permit(s) 1
Category One Buildings	In compliance	<del>January</del> <u>July 1, 2019</u>	N/A	N/A
Category Two Buildings	No steps but barriers	<del>January</del> <u>July 1, 2019</u> <del>July 1, 2019</del>	<del>April</del> <u>October 1, 2019</u>	<del>April</del> <u>October 1, 2020</u>
Category Three Buildings	One step with barriers	<del>June</del> <u>December 1, 2019</u>	<del>September 1, 2019</del> <u>March 1, 2020</u>	<del>September 1, 2020</del> <u>March 1, 2021</u>
Category Four Buildings	1+ step with other barriers	<del>December 1, 2019</del> <u>June 1, 2020</u>	<del>March</del> <u>September 1, 2020</u>	<del>March</del> <u>September 1, 2021</u>

1. Pursuant to Section 1106D.4, all mandated work must be completed within the time periods specified in Section 106A.4.4 of this Code for Permit Expiration unless an extension of time of time is granted pursuant to Section 1108D

**SECTION 1108D – EXTENSIONS OF TIME**

(a) For good cause shown, the Building Official may grant one extension of time for up to six months from the compliance timelines in Table 1107D. For good cause shown, one or more additional extensions of time may be granted by the Access Appeals Commission pursuant to Section 1110D; provided, however, that in no event shall the Commission extend the time to complete the mandatory work required by this Chapter 11D beyond ~~December~~ June 1, 2023 2024. The Commission’s decision shall be final.

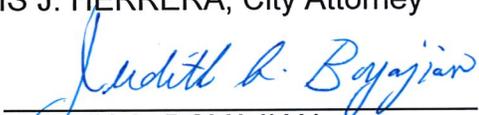
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1 Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
2 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
3 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
4 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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6 Section 4. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors  
7 intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,  
8 numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal  
9 Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment  
10 additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under  
11 the official title of the ordinance.

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13 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
14 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

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16 JUDITH A. BOYAJIAN  
17 Deputy City Attorney

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## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Building Code - Mandatory Disability Access Improvements for Places of Public Accommodation - Extension of Time Deadlines for an Additional Six Months]

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### Existing Law

Chapter 11D of the Building Code requires the owner of an existing building with a place of public accommodation to have the building inspected for compliance with accessible entry and path of travel requirements. If the building is not in compliance, the owner must either bring the building into compliance or obtain a finding from the City of equivalent facilitation, technical infeasibility, or unreasonable hardship. Table 1107D sets forth deadlines for the four compliance categories to submit specified information to DBI, file an application for any required building permits, and obtain the required building permits. All mandated work must be completed within the time periods specified in the Building Code for building permits unless an extension of time is granted pursuant to Section 1108D.

### Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance will extend for an additional six months all compliance deadlines.

### Background Information

Under the Building Code, property owners are responsible for compliance with Code requirements notwithstanding any leases that may shift some of the burden of compliance onto the tenants. Many, if not all, of the buildings subject to the Chapter 11D requirements have multiple leased spaces many of which are operated by small businesses without a lot of financial resources. Extension of the compliance deadlines will resolve compliance issues for those owners who missed past deadlines and to give building owners and tenants more time to resolve any compliance issues going forward

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