

FACT SHEET: MN ACCESSIBILITY CODE ENFORCEMENT

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

THE MINNESOTA ACCESSIBILITY CODE IS REQUIRED TO BE ENFORCED STATEWIDE

- See Minnesota Statute § 326B.16 www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=326B.16.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR MINNESOTA ACCESSIBILITY CODE ENFORCEMENT

- The municipal building official is responsible for enforcement of the Minnesota Accessibility Code in code-enforced areas.
- Statutory or Home Rule Charter Cities that have not adopted the State Building Code are responsible for enforcement of the Minnesota Accessibility Code.
- The county is responsible for enforcement of the Minnesota Accessibility Code in all other towns and townships that have not adopted the State Building Code.



QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Persons enforcing the Minnesota Accessibility Code must be certified as a Minnesota building official, limited building official or accessibility specialist. The municipality must identify a person certified to administer and enforce the Accessibility Code, either by:

- Entering into a joint powers agreement with another municipality that has adopted the State Building Code;
- Contracting with a properly certified individual; or
- Hiring properly certified staff.

DUTIES OF ACCESSIBILITY CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Review applications, issue permits and maintain records;
- Verify plans are certified by Minnesota-licensed design professionals;
- Review plans and specifications to verify code compliance; and
- Inspect and approve construction for code compliance.

EXAMPLES WHERE ACCESSIBILITY IS REQUIRED

- Routes to, into, through and between areas of buildings, facilities and site amenities
- Parking spaces and building entrances
- Restrooms, bathing rooms, changing rooms and locker rooms
- Service and check-out counters, information/ticket/registration counters
- Dwelling units and sleeping units in lodging and apartment facilities
- Seating in assembly spaces such as theaters, movies, grandstands etc.
- Pools, recreational boating facilities/docks, fishing piers/platforms

View the Minnesota Accessibility Code at <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/MNAC2020P1>.