

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 25-2 RELATING TO  
REGULATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF DISABLED ACCESS RAMPS  
FOR SINGLE-FAMILY AND DUPLEX RESIDENTIAL UNITS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1.** City Code Section 25-2-513 (*Openness of Required Yards*) is amended to add a new Subsection (H) to read as follows:

(H) This section applies to ramps for existing single-family and duplex residential units where a disabled individual requires disabled access from either the public right-of-way or a private drive that is connected to the public right-of-way.

(1) In order to use the impervious cover and setback regulations of this subsection, a ramp must comply with Chapter 469 of the Texas Government Code and the federal Fair Housing Act.

(2) To obtain additional impervious cover to build a ramp allowed by this subsection, an applicant may use new sidewalks, new ramps, and new landings as part of the new or modified ramp route.

(3) If an applicant chooses to use previously constructed impervious cover such as preexisting sidewalks or walkways, those items will not count towards calculations regarding an increase in impervious cover.

(4) For buildings whose proposed accessible entrance faces a front setback, the exempted impervious cover into the front setback should be minimized by the proposed ramp location.

(5) For side yards, ramps may encroach into the side yard no more than three feet.

(6) Rear yard accessibility should be limited except for corner lots and alley access unless another Code provision prohibits the use of the front or side yard.

(7) An applicant may construct a ramp that complies with this subsection unless the Director determines that the ramp will violate other health and safety provisions or will interfere with easements or infrastructure.

**PART 2.** Subsection (B) of City Code Section 25-2-1603 (*Impervious Cover and Parking Placement Restrictions*) is amended to read as follows:

(B) Except as provided in Subsection (C) of this section or Subsection (H) of Section 25-2-513 (*Openness of Required Yards*) of the City Code, impervious cover in a front yard may not exceed 40 percent.

**PART 3.** This ordinance takes effect on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

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Lee Leffingwell  
Mayor

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City Clerk