
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

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RE: COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO NON-CONFORMING USE REGULATIONS

Members of the Board:

At our Commission meeting of 12 December 1997, Planning Department staff presented proposed amendments to Section 13.10.260 of the Santa Cruz County Code, Nonconforming Uses. In particular, staff requested review and support for proposed Section 13.10.260 (c) 7, which will read:

7. Compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act or Chapter 11 of the State Building Code. Nothing in this section shall preclude structural work Performed for the sole purpose compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Chapter 11 of the State Building Code found in Volume II of Title 24, State Government Code.

As explained by planning staff, the current regulations prohibit all structural alterations to these uses, even though the work may be done for the purpose of complying with State or Federal accessibility standards. The proposed revision will allow older commercial uses to be made accessible, and it will avoid conflict with State and Federal law.

The Commission on Disabilities supports the proposed revision, and recommends that your Board adopt the ordinance revision as proposed.

Sincerely,

Michael Bush, Chairperson