



City of Seattle  
**Department of Planning & Development**

## **2009 SBC Code Solution**

Section 3411.5  
Accessible Parking and Additions  
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*The following interpretation, policy or code alternate is intended to provide guidance to staff for consistency of review and is subject to change without notice. Application of this interpretation, policy or code alternate to specific projects may vary.*

### **Code Issue:**

Is accessible parking required for additions?

### **Interpretation:**

Yes. If parking is or will be provided and the addition includes an area of primary function, accessible parking must be provided in accordance with SBC Section 1106. An accessible route from the accessible parking to the building entrance must also be provided.

However, if it is technically infeasible to alter the existing building to provide the accessible route from the accessible parking space to the building entrance, accessibility shall be made to the maximum extent possible. The maximum amount required to be spent is 20% of the cost for the project.

For questions about whether this code solution applies to your project:

- *If you have submitted a permit application, contact the Building Code plan reviewer assigned to your application*
- *If you have not submitted an application, contact DPD Building Code Technical Support at 206-684-4630 or in person at the Applicant Services Center. Visit the Applicant Services Center website for more information about hours and location [http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Permits/Process\\_Overview/Location\\_Hours/default.asp](http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Permits/Process_Overview/Location_Hours/default.asp)*

