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To: Marty Hibbs**From:** DAN MARTINEZ**CC:** Curtis Proctor 761-4222**Fax:** 842-6410

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Pages: 4**Phone:** 980-0750**Date:** 7/9/2003**Re:** Heart Institute Medical Office**Job #:** 21636

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Dear Marty:


This letter is in response to the handicap installation on the ground floor of the parking garage on the above referenced project. I have spoken to Curtis Proctor with Dekker Perich and have explained to him the purpose of our installation at this height. He has asked me to respond back to you and I will fax a copy to him as well.

Please note that our submittal on all signs, including handicapped signs call for mounting height to be 7 ft from the bottom of the sign. This in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. ANSI sec. 4.6.2, "such signs shall not be obscured by a vehicle parked in the space."
- * 2. Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), "where parking or pedestrian movements occur, the clearance to the bottom of the sign shall be at least 7 ft. (document attached)
3. Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Guidelines--"A sign with the international symbol of accessibility must be located in front of the parking space and mounted high enough so it is not hidden by a vehicle parked in the space." (document attached)

The 7 ft height far exceeds contract drawing details and city requirement, and we recommend this height to eliminate pedestrians cutting themselves on the signs as has been the case in the past. If the lower heights are required, we request a release of liability in case of accidents.

Sincerely,


Dan Martinez
President

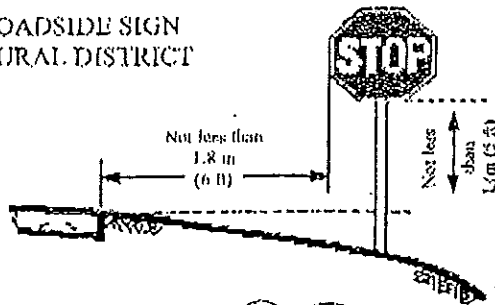
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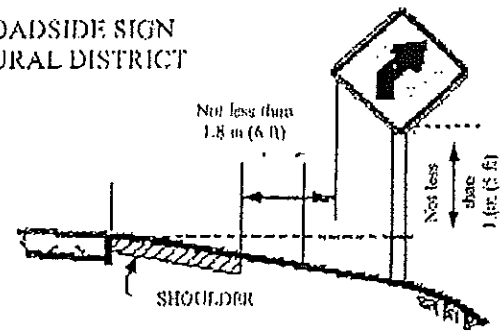
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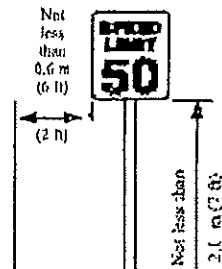
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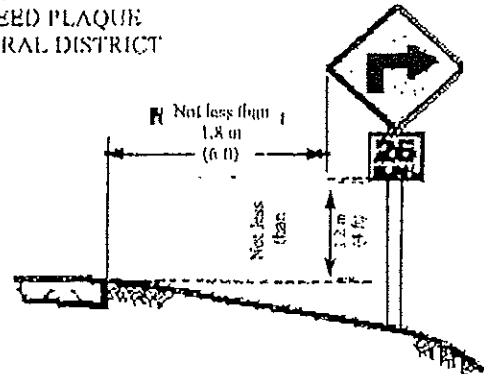
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Section 2A.18 Mounting Height

Standard:

Signs installed at the side of the road in rural districts shall be at least 1.5 m (5 ft), measured from the bottom of the sign to the near edge of the pavement.

Where parking or pedestrian movements occur, the clearance to the bottom of the sign shall be at least 2.1 m (7 ft).

Directional signs on expressways and freeways shall be installed with a minimum height of 2.1 m (7 ft). If a secondary sign is mounted below another sign, the major sign shall be installed at least 2.4 m (8 ft) and the secondary sign at least 1.5 m (5 ft) above the level of the pavement edge. All route signs, warning signs, and regulatory signs on expressways and freeways shall be at least 2.1 m (7 ft) above the level of the pavement edge.

Overhead signs shall provide a vertical clearance of not less than 5.1 m (17 ft) to the sign, light fixture, or sign bridge, over the entire width of the pavement and shoulders except where a lesser vertical clearance is used for the design of other structures. The vertical clearance to overhead sign structures or supports shall not be greater than 0.3 m (1 ft) in excess of the minimum clearance of other structures.

Accessible Parking

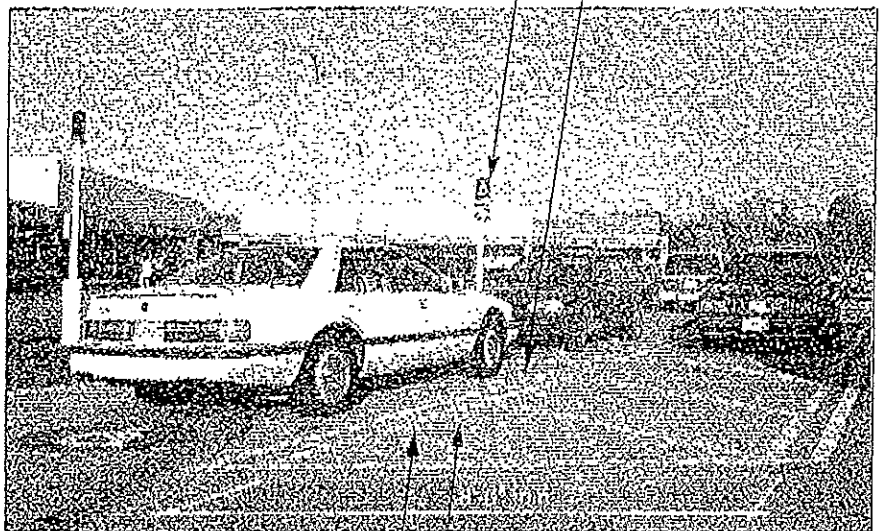
When parking is provided for the public, designated accessible parking spaces must be provided, if doing so is readily achievable. An accessible parking space must have space for the vehicle and an additional space located either to the right or to the left of the space that serves as an access aisle. This aisle is needed to permit a person using a wheelchair, electric scooter, or other mobility device to get out of their car or van. A sign with the international symbol of accessibility must be located in front of the parking space and mounted high enough so it is not hidden by a vehicle parked in the space.

Accessible parking spaces should be the spaces closest to the accessible entrance and be located on level ground. If it is not readily achievable to locate accessible parking in the closest spaces due to sloped pavement or other existing conditions, then the closest level area should be selected. An accessible route must be provided between the access aisle and the accessible building entrance. This route must have no steps or steeply sloped surfaces and it must have a firm, stable, slip-resistant surface.

Van accessible spaces must have an access aisle that is at least **eight-feet wide** and be designated by a sign with the international symbol and "van accessible." There should be a vertical clearance of at least 98 inches on the vehicular route to the space, at the parking space, and along the vehicular route to an exit.

Provide a parking space that is at least 8 foot wide. There should be at least a 98 inch high clearance at the parking space, the adjacent access aisle and along the vehicular route to the space and vehicular exit.

Install a sign with the international symbol of accessibility and "van accessible" and mount it high enough so it is not hidden by the vehicle parked in the space.



Locate parking space and access aisle so that they are relatively level (1:50 maximum slope in all directions is recommended if readily achievable)

Provide an access aisle that is at least 8 foot wide next to the van parking space to permit a person using a wheelchair or scooter to exit or enter a van with a side-mounted lift.

Provide an accessible route to the accessible entrance(s) to the building - a marked crosswalk may be needed if route crosses vehicular traffic.

A Van Accessible Parking Space

(1 of 8 of all accessible parking spaces, but at least one, must be van accessible.

Although designated a van accessible space, cars may use the space too.)