

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION I-10-07

April 5, 2007

The following is offered in response to your March 27, 2007 letter to me in which you seek a formal interpretation of Section 1004.12.2.1 of the ICC/ANSI A117.1-2003 standard.

Question: Is a lowered or adjustable kitchen sink required in a Type B dwelling unit when the requirements for a parallel approach (1004.12.2.1) and dishwasher clearance (1004.12.2.2) are satisfied?

Answer: No. The only time a lowered sink is required in a Type B dwelling unit is when the exception to Section 1004.12.2.1 is chosen by the permit applicant. Since the exception sends the code user to Section 606, the lowered sink height is required by Section 606.3 when using the exception. In the scenario you present, one does not avail oneself of the exception so the requirements of Section 606 do not apply and the lowered sink is not required. There are no circumstances in which an adjustable sink is required in a Type B dwelling unit. That requirement is limited to Type A units.