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## Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department

### **Attention Contractors:**

There are several important changes that we all need to be aware of with the adoption of the 2014 Safety Standard for Platform Lifts and Stairway Chairlifts along with the Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Building and Trade Code.

**Chapter 2 (ASME 18.1): Section 2.6.5 – Floor Area.** The code has increased the net floor area of Vertical Platform lifts conforming to para. 2.1.4. From (18) eighteen square ft. to (25) twenty five square ft.

**Chapter 2 (ASME 18.1): Section 2.7.1 – Limitation of Load, Speed, and Travel.** The code has increased the allowed travel distance of lifts conforming to para. 2.1.3 From (12) twelve ft. to (14) fourteen ft.

**Chapter 2 (ASME 18.1): Section 2.12 – Standby Power.** Lifts shall be permitted to have standby power to raise and lower the lift.

**Chapter 3 (ASME 18.1): Section 3.6.4 – Floor Area.** The code has increased the net floor area of Inclined Platform Lifts from (12) twelve square ft. to (18) eighteen square ft.

**Chapter 3 (ASME 18.1): Section 3.6.8.2.5 – Platform with Passenger Restraining Arms.** Means shall be provided to manually fold the platform and passenger restraining arms.

**Chapter 5 (ASME 18.1): Section 5.7.1 – Limitation of Load, Speed, and Travel.** The Code has increased the allowed travel distance from (12) twelve ft. to (14) fourteen ft.

**Article IV (UBTC): Section 4.6.020 – Installation standards.** A requirement for prior approval when installing handicap accessible lifts in commercial buildings was needed to meet the requirements of the IBC.

**This is not a complete list of all the changes, but a list of highlights that will affect the Handicap Accessibility Lift industry.**