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I reviewed the OHFA draft 2027 Design and Architectural Standards. As a person who uses a wheelchair, an expert in accessible and universal design, and the person who worked on the design and construction of the Universal Design Living Laboratory, and have lived in this home for 14 years, www.udll.com, I have listed my comments and questions here.

N3.1.4. All new sidewalks along the accessible route must be a minimum of 5-feet in width.

There is a need to ensure these sidewalks are not steep and are either concrete or asphalt.

Column C - "Side-by-side refrigerator" Change to "side-by-side refrigerator/freezer"

Column C – Add "Roll-under kitchen sink."

Column C – Add "50% of the storage in the kitchen and bathroom is reachable from a seated position."

N3.2. Building Design Add – "The path of travel from the driveway to the main entry must be accessible."

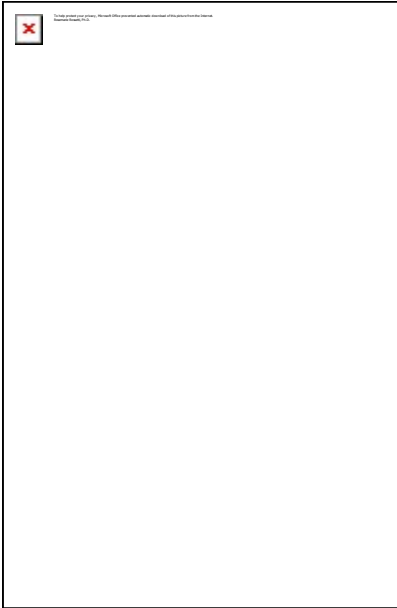
N3.10.2.2. Thermostat and controls must be easy to read and simple to operate.

Add that they must be readable from a seated position.

- Will the mobility units have curbless showers with a built-in shower chair/bench and a handheld shower nozzle?
- Will all cabinet door and drawer hardware be D-style handles?
- Where will microwaves be mounted in the accessible units?
- Where will ovens be mounted in the accessible units?
- What carpet and padding thickness is being specified?

Thank you for this opportunity to provide my suggestions and questions.

Sincerely,



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