

## STATE MANDATE DISABILITY ACCESS FEE

Effective January 1, 2013, State Mandated Disability Access Fee **SB 1186** requires cities to impose a new \$1.00 state fee on all business licenses issued. The fees will be used to increase disability access and compliance with construction-related accessibility requirements and to develop educational resources for businesses to facilitate compliance with federal and state disability laws.

On October 11, 2017, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law, AB 1379. This assembly bill amends section 4467 of the Government Code, relating to disability access. On and after January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2023 a \$4.00 state fee will be imposed on any applicant for a local business license or a renewal and is to be collected by cities. If a business license or its equivalent is not issued by cities then the \$4 fee is imposed on an applicant for a building permit.

On September 30, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law, AB 2164. This assembly bill removed the sunset date for the \$4.00 state fee and to be collected indefinitely.

Under federal and state law, compliance with disability access laws is a serious and significant responsibility that applies to all California building owners and tenants with buildings open to the public. You may obtain information about your legal obligations and how to comply with disability access laws at the following agencies:

- [Division of the State Architect](#)
- [Department of Rehabilitation](#)
- [California Commission on Disability Access](#)

***The updated State mandated fee of \$4 is included on all business license applications and renewals.***