



STATE OF WASHINGTON

STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL

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STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. 02-04

- CODE:** 1997 Uniform Building Code (UBC) (as revised 2000)
State Regulations for Barrier-Free Facilities
- SECTIONS:** Section 1107.3 Signs.
- QUESTIONS:**
1. Section 1107.3 states that an accessible parking space “shall be identified by a sign, centered between 3 and 5 feet above the parking surface, at the head of the parking space”. Does “centered” mean mid-way between 3 and 5 feet high above the parking surface or in the middle of the parking space at its head end?
 2. Does “at the head of the parking space” allow for the sign to be mounted on a building across a sidewalk from the parking space?
- ANSWERS:**
1. The requirement to be “centered” means in line with the longitudinal axis of the parking space. The height requirement is that the bottom of the sign be no lower than 3 feet and the top of the sign no higher than 5 feet above the parking surface.
 2. Yes, however, the sign must be located such that it clearly identifies the space and will not be obscured from view.
- SUPERSEDES:** None
- REQUESTED BY:** City of Vancouver