

Polling Place Accessibility

Survey

SECTION I- GENERAL INFORMATION

County _____ Date Surveyed _____

Precinct Code _____ Number of Active Registered Voters _____

Precinct Name _____ Room Location _____

Precinct Address/Location _____

Type of Building (please check appropriate box): School Church Residence

Private Business Clubhouse Government (specify) _____ other _____

Building owner or Management Company _____

Survey conducted by:

Surveyor

Name	Address	Title	Signature

Building representative:

Name	Address	Title	Signature

I hereby certify that the information contained in this survey is accurate and has been verified to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____

Information to be completed by County Clerk Office

Number of Ballot Styles _____ Bilingual Jurisdiction (Y/N) _____

Combined Polling Place (Y/N) _____ if so, number of precincts voting at this location _____

Comments: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

The purpose of this survey is to evaluate the practical accessibility of polling places. This survey is designed to facilitate a walk-through inspection of each polling place from the parking area to the voting area. Completing this survey should require no more than a tape measure and a sufficient amount of time to answer the questions.

In answering the questions below, follow the route the voter must or could take on election day in approaching the building, entering the building, reaching the voting room, and leaving the building. Please consider that the voter may be elderly, blind, in a wheelchair, or temporarily disabled.

SECTION II - PARKING

Survey Question	Yes	No	Not Applicable	Comments
1. Type of parking for voters (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> On-street <input type="checkbox"/> Parking lot <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger Loading Zone <input type="checkbox"/> Across the street <input type="checkbox"/> None				Time required to cross street:
2. Is any of the available parking for handicapped use only? (if no, go to # 5)				
3. Are the designated parking spaces the closest ones to the building?				
4. Are any of the designated spaces open on one side to allow easy access for persons with	**			** The access area should be 13 feet wide

wheelchairs to get in and out of the automobile?				
5. The surface of the parking area(s): <input type="checkbox"/> black top <input type="checkbox"/> concrete <input type="checkbox"/> dirt <input type="checkbox"/> gravel <input type="checkbox"/> other _____				
6. Is there adequate lighting in the parking area?				

SECTION III – WALKWAYS TO BUILDINGS

Survey Question	Yes	No	Not Applicable	Comments
7. Are there walkways leading to the building? (If no, go to # 12)				
8. Are there walkways at least 36 inches wide?				
9. Do walkways have non-slip surfaces?				
10. Are walkways adequately lighted?				

11. If the walkway crosses a driveway, parking lot, or another walkway, does it have curb cuts?				
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SECTION IV – RAMPS, STAIRS, ELEVATORS AND PLATFORM LIFTS

Survey Question	Yes	No	Not Applicable	Comments
12. Is it possible for an elderly or disabled person to approach and enter the building, to reach the voting room, and to leave the building without climbing a step or stairs, or without using an elevator?				
13. Does the route include one or more ramps?				Number of ramps if applicable_____
14. Does the ramp have a clear width of 36 inches?				
15. Does the ramp have a non-slip surface?				
16. For any ramp that has a rise greater than six inches are handrails provided?				
17. Is the ramp handrail easily accessible?				
18. May the voter easily grip the handrails?				

19. If there is a door at the ramp, is there a level space of at least 5 feet by 5 feet, so a wheelchair can rest while door is opened?				
20. If there is an elevator, is the elevator control no higher than 48 inches (for voter in wheelchair to operate)?				
21. Will the elevator be turned on at all times polling place is open to the public?				
22. Is a platform lift available and turned on at all times polling place is open to the public?				

SECTION V – SIGNAGE, DOORS, AND ENTRANCE TO ROOMS

Survey Question	Yes	No	Not Applicable	Comments
23. Is there adequate use of signs throughout building, directing voter to an accessible entry?				
24. Is there adequate space in the building to place signs directing voter to polling location?				
25. Do all doors have an opening, which clears at least 32 inches wide?				

26. Are the door thresholds ½ inch or less?				
27. Does the door hardware require tight grasping or twisting of the wrist to operate?				
28. Are the doors heavy or difficult to open?				
29. If possible, can doors remain open during polling place hours?				
30. Are there any low-hanging objects, protrusions from walls, or other obstacles that might be dangerous to persons in their path of travel?				

SECTION VI – POLLING ROOM/VOTING AREA

31. Is lighting within the polling place adequate?				
32. Is there an area available for posting of instructions?				Location?

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERK AND RECORDER OFFICE

SECTION VII– VOTING EQUIPMENT

Survey Question	Yes	No	Not Applicable	Comments
33. What type of voting equipment is used in this polling place?				
34. Are the booths/privacy screens at least 30 inches wide to accommodate a person using a wheelchair?				
35. Does the writing shelf have a clearance of 27 inches to accommodate a person using a wheelchair?				
<p>36. Does the voting equipment offer the same or comparable level of independence and privacy to persons with any of the following disabilities or barriers?</p> <p>() visual</p> <p>() mobility</p> <p>() language</p> <p>() literacy</p> <p>() other</p>				<p>Please specify other:</p> <p>_____</p>
37. May a person seated in a wheelchair reach all the necessary parts of the voting equipment?				

38. Are the posted instructions for voting printed in at least an 18 point or large font?				
39. Section 2 Jurisdictions. Is there signage posted throughout the polling location, available in the language as required by Section 2?				

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS IMPORTANT SURVEY!

Form approved by Secretary of State (date)