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Section 201.1.1

Question:

Is it the intent of FBC, Accessibility section 201.1.1 to require vertical accessibility to raised platform areas where stationary exercise cycles are positioned for customers use.

Answer

Florida State Statute section 553.09 states that (1) This part and the Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design do not relieve the owner of any building, structure, or facility governed by this part from the duty to provide vertical accessibility to all levels above and below the occupiable grade level, regardless of whether the standards require an elevator to be installed in such building, structure, or facility, except for:

- (a) Elevator pits, elevator penthouses, mechanical rooms, piping or equipment catwalks, and automobile lubrication and maintenance pits and platforms.
 - (b) Unoccupiable spaces, such as rooms, enclosed spaces, and storage spaces that are not designed for human occupancy, for public accommodations, or for work areas.
 - (c) Occupiable spaces and rooms that are not open to the public and that house no more than five persons, including, but not limited to, equipment control rooms and projection booths.
 - (d) Theaters, concert halls, and stadiums, or other large assembly areas that have stadium-style seating or tiered seating if ss. 221 and 802 of the standards are met.
 - (e) All play and recreation areas if the requirements of chapter 10 of the standards are met.
 - (f) All employee areas as exempted in s. 203.9 of the standards.
 - (g) Facilities, sites, and spaces exempted by s. 203 of the standards.
- (2) However, buildings, structures, and facilities must, as a minimum, comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design.

This is open to the public and as such would require vertical accessibility. This is not a theater.

Commentary:

None.

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