
Building Codes Division**Statewide Code Interpretation**

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December 1, 2005**No: 2004 OSSC 1103.2.3.2
2004 Oregon Structural Specialty Code**

Code Section: 1103.2.3.2, 1102**Code Edition:** 2004 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC)**Date:** December 1, 2005**Subject:** Detectable Warnings at the Vehicular way**Question:** Does OSSC Section 1103.2.3.2 require detectable warnings along an accessible exterior route that runs adjacent to and adjoins “parking spaces” within a parking lot where there are no curbs, railings or other elements separating the accessible route from the parking spaces?**Answer:** No. Detectable warnings are intended to alert the visually impaired that their level of safety is changing due to the proximity of a vehicular way.**Analysis:** While parking “spaces” are an element of parking lots, they are not considered part of the “vehicular way” through the parking lot.

Editorial Note: ORS 447.220 directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services to adopt accessibility guidelines that are consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act. In keeping this directive, BCD staff recently conferred with both the US Access Board (promulgators of the ADA Architectural Guidelines) and the US Department of Justice. Both entities concurred with the above analysis regarding what constitutes the “vehicular way”

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