CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
CITY COUNCIL POLICY

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I. GENERAL

The City of Pacific Grove installs curb ramps and path of travel improvements to provide accessibility on public rights-of-way to people with disabilities in compliance with the Codes and Regulations of California Government Code 4450, California Code of Regulations Title 24, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) Title II and Title III.

II. POLICY OF THE CITY

It is the policy of the City to comply with the above noted laws. However, it is acknowledged that funding constraints may prevent full implementation of this policy. In light of this, the City has adopted guidelines for prioritizing curb ramp installations and path of travel improvements. These guidelines establish a priority system for construction or reconstruction of curb ramps and path of travel improvements in Pacific Grove. When a complaint or a request for construction or reconstruction of a curb ramp or ramps or path of travel improvements is received, the decision on whether a curb ramp or path of travel improvement is to be constructed or reconstructed will be based on the following priority system.

III. PRIORITY SYSTEM

- Number 1 Priority. The highest priority is to reconstruct curb ramps or improve path of travel at locations where existing curb ramps or paths of travel have an unsafe condition that may cause a trip and fall. Examples are vertical displacements of the curb ramp, steep sidewings, or deteriorated conditions.

- Number 2 Priority. A new curb ramp or path of travel improvement will be installed at locations where there is no curb ramp or path of travel to provide accessibility.

- Number 3 Priority. When a return has one existing curb ramp and conditions allow for the construction of an additional curb ramp at the same return and provided that traffic controls allow for a safe path of travel, an additional curb ramp will be installed.

- Number 4 Priority. A curb ramp or path of travel improvement is constructed or reconstructed at a location with difficult physical conditions such as major utility
conflicts, physical barriers, or to her constraints which would create a “hardship” situation on the entity.

- Number 5 Priority. An existing curb ramp or path of travel will be reconstructed when it does not meet current City standards but is otherwise in a safe conditions with only minor features not in compliance with current Federal and State Disability Building Codes (i.e. color contrast, scoring lines, etc.)

IV. FINAL DECISION

The decision of the Director of Public Works on which priority is assigned to a particular curb ramp request is final.

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