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HUD Extends Comment Period for Fair Housing Design and Construction Rule

Today in the *Federal Register*, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) [extended the comment period](#) for the [proposed rule](#) published January 15 to amend the design and construction requirements under the [Fair Housing Act](#).

As you recall, the proposed regulation would incorporate by reference the 2009 edition of the International Code Council ([ICC](#)) Accessible and Usable Building and Facilities (ICC A117.1-2009) standard, which would serve as safe harbor to meet the accessibility requirements of the Fair Housing Act. It would also designate the 2009, 2012, 2015, and 2018 editions of the International Building Code ([IBC](#)) as safe harbors under the Act, among other changes.

Comments on the proposed rule were originally due on March 16, 2020. However, because the proposed rule referred to documents that were not readily available, HUD is extending the comment period for an additional 30 days and making the referenced documents available through its website, [here](#). The new deadline for public comments is now **April 13, 2020**.



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