

## STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-3-01

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The following is offered in response to your letter in which you seek a formal interpretation of the provisions of Chapter 11 of the BOCA National Building Code/1996 portion of the 1999 State Building Code.

**Question:** Does Chapter 11 of the BOCA National Building Code/1996 portion of the 1999 State Building Code require that van-accessible parking spaces be located in a garage?

**Answer:** No. The code does not require that van-accessible spaces be located within a garage. If, however, a public parking garage is constructed, section 1105.4.1 of the code requires (pursuant to subsection (i) of section 14-253a of the Connecticut General Statutes) that at least two van-accessible parking spaces must be provided within such garage. A primary entrance, one exit, and a vehicular route with a vertical clearance of 9 feet 6 inches must serve the required spaces. The two spaces themselves must also have a vertical clearance of 9 feet 6 inches. The van-accessible spaces must further meet the other applicable requirements of section 1105.0 of the code.