

## KITCHEN

City Ordinance 15.154.100

### Clear Space at Stove and Sink

- Great for universal access and busy kitchens

### Lower Work Surface

- Allows flexible use for everyone

### Lever-Style Faucets

- Creates ease of use and aesthetic appeal

### Removable Under-Sink Cabinets

- Allows seated use and wheelchair access

### Hood Controls at Switch Level

- Easier access and reduces reaching

## BEDROOMS

City Ordinance 15.154.120

### Bedroom on the First Floor

- Creates space for guests, multipurpose use and accessibility

## GENERAL

City Ordinance 15.154.140

### Rocker-Style Light Switches

- Easy use

### Wide Doors and Clear Space

- Easy access and great for moving large items

### Hand Activated Doors

- Allows easy access

### Low-Pile Carpeting

- Offers durability, easy maintenance and wheelchair access

### Raised Outlets

- Reduces bending and allows easy access

### Lowered Switches

- Great for children and easy reach

### Conduit for Future Wiring

- Future integration of technology without major retrofit expense

### Additional Outlets in Staircase

- Great for future chair lift installation, convenient vacuuming, and plug-in lighting

# CITY OF SACRAMENTO

## Universal Design Ordinance

The City of Sacramento's new Universal Design Ordinance, effective August 2010, requires builders to offer certain accessibility features to consumers as an upgrade option. This ordinance gives consumers the option of purchasing homes that are visitable, usable and safe for all persons.

This brochure lists optional features potentially available for your new home.

If you have questions regarding this ordinance, please contact the City of Sacramento's Community Development department.



For questions about the Universal Design Ordinance, contact:  
City of Sacramento Community Development

Phone: 311 or 916-264-5011 [www.cityofsacramento.org/dsd](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/dsd)

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## WHAT IS UNIVERSAL DESIGN?

“the design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.”

– Ron Mace

The City of Sacramento has identified specific universal design options that you may have the option to purchase from your builder. These options are not available on all floor plans and availability of these features may vary. Please ask your builder for pricing and availability.

The list provided is not a comprehensive list and does not provide detailed specifications. Please see the builder or the City of Sacramento for more details.

## Universal Design Options

### PRIMARY ENTRY

City Ordinance 15.154.070

#### Accessible Route to Primary Entry

- A step-free walkway allows easy access for everyone

#### Low Door Threshold

- Great for strollers, wheelchairs and rolling luggage

#### Wide Entry Area

- Creates maneuvering space and the ability to stand next to the door while opening

#### Wide Entry Door

- Allows accessibility and ease for moving large furniture

#### Second Wide Exterior Door

- A second wide exterior door is great for flexibility in moving large items, accessibility and emergency exit

#### Lower Peephole

- Provides added safety and security for children

#### Lower Doorbell

- Great for children and universal access

### INTERIOR/EXTERIOR ROUTES

City Ordinance 15.154.080, .110, .120

#### Wide Accessible Routes

(to bathroom, common use area, kitchen and bedroom. Additional access may include laundry room, storage area and yard/patio.)

- Provides additional entertaining space and easy access to common spaces
- Additional options include:
  - Handrail installation and/or reinforcement for future installation

#### Level Floor Height

(in bathrooms, kitchen and common rooms or on accessible routes)

- Increases usable space and helps to safeguard against trips and falls

### BATHROOM

City Ordinance 15.154.090

#### Accessible First Floor Bathroom

- Great for guests, children, and convenient access

#### Ample Clear Space

- Allows shared use and wheelchair access

#### Support Bars

(option to have installed or have reinforcement added for future installation)

- Provides added stability and injury support

#### Lever-Style Faucets

- Creates ease of use and aesthetic appeal

#### Accessible Sink and Water Closet

- Great for wheelchair access

#### Lowered Mirror and Towel Bars

- Great for children, universal access and convenience

“Adding universal design features as part of the initial home construction is significantly less expensive than a later attempt to retrofit a home.”

– U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)