



City of Austin
Planning & Development Review Department

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INTERPRETATION NUMBER: CI2013-0002

TITLE: No Step Threshold

CODE EDITION: Austin City Code

SECTIONS: Chapter 5-1-141. Title 5. Civil Rights. Chapter 5-1-1. Housing Discrimination

PURPOSE: To provide an allowance for an alternate method of construction to accomplish the installation requirements of a *No-Step Entrance* that meets the requirements of Chapter 5-1-141 Building Entrances (C).

- The City of Austin will allow the installation of the described and illustrated method of installation included on this page to meet the requirements of Chapter 5-1-141 Building Entrances (C).
- The approved prescriptive method is still allowed in this jurisdiction.

CODE

REQUIREMENTS Chapter 5-1-141 Building Entrances (C) of the Austin City Code requires a building entrance that includes a *no-step entrance* to have a maximum distance between the interior floor level of the building entrance and the adjacent walking surface level to be no greater than one-half inch.

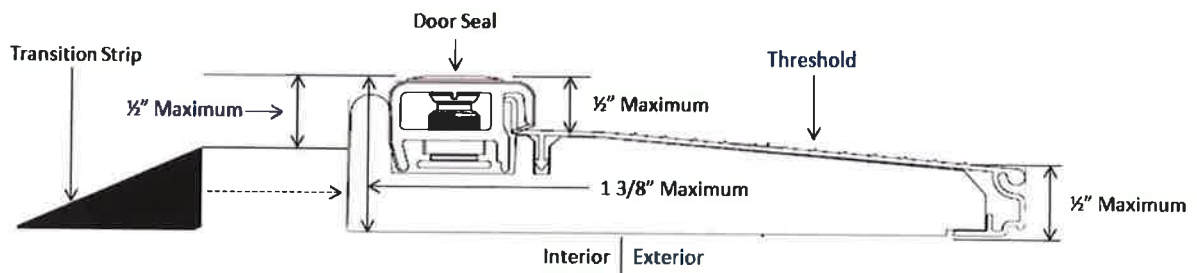
CODE INTERPRETATION:

Threshold and transition strip description:

- Change in levels are required to be beveled, with a maximum vertical rise of a ½ inch
- Height from the exterior side of the walking surface to the top of the threshold shall be ½ inch maximum

- Height from the top of the threshold to the top of the door seal shall be ½ inch maximum
- The maximum height of the threshold including the door seal shall be 1 3/8 inches
- Height from the top of the transition strip to the top of the door seal shall be ½ inch maximum when abutted to threshold

Below is an allowable and acceptable installation in the City of Austin jurisdiction that illustrates the allowable maximum heights of the components of a threshold and a transition strip, installed on a level walking surface.



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