

# ***TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL***

## **POLICY**

**Title:**

Policy on Accessibility Rebate

**Policy No.:**

2009 - 4

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**Purpose:**

To outline the provision of a rebate of a portion of building permit fees for renovations to existing commercial and residential property that include barrier free design features, to encourage development that is accessible to all.

**Definitions:**

In this policy 'barrier free design' means a design feature that provides access to a building to a person with a disability who would not otherwise have access to the building. For greater certainty such features include, but are not limited to: Barrier free parking spaces, ramps, lifts and elevators, automated doors, barrier free washrooms and way-finding cues.

**Policy Statement:****1.0) Eligibility**

1.1 To be eligible for a rebate the developer must be seeking a permit for a project that:

- a) is in the Town limits;
- b) is a renovation of an existing structure;
- c) includes at least one barrier free feature that improves access to the development for a person with a disability.


**2.0) Procedure**

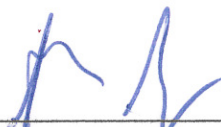
2.1 When applying for a building permit, applicants must include the estimated cost of all barrier free features in their application.

2.2 The rebate shall be issued after construction is completed and the building inspector is satisfied that the construction meets the barrier free design standards of the National Building Code.

**3.0) Rebate**

- 3.1 For renovations where the value of the construction of barrier free design features makes up at least 75% of the total construction value for the project, the entire building permit fee shall be rebated. For renovations where the cost of the barrier free design features make up less than 75% of the total project cost, the portion of the building permit fee associated with the barrier free features shall be rebated
- 3.2 Building permit rebates do not include the development permit fee applicable to all permits.

  
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