

Attachment A: Proposed Amendments to CB 119487

Proposed Amendment 1 (sponsored by CM Herbold)

14.05.020 Requirements for closed captioning in places of public accommodation

A. Any person owning or managing a place of public accommodation must activate closed captioning, with black background color, white text color, text size of 24, and text font of Arial, Calibri, Helvetica, Tahoma, or Verdana, in accordance with the technical standards in subsection 14.05.020.C, on all closed-captioned television receivers in use in any public area during regular hours, except in the following circumstances:-

~~————— B. A person owning or managing a place of public accommodation is not required to make a closed-captioned television receiver available for viewing in a public area if:~~

1. No receiver of television programming of any kind is available in a public area of the place of public accommodations; or

2. The only receiver of television programming available in a public area of the place of public accommodations is technically incapable of displaying closed captioning.

~~C. Closed captioning on digital televisions must meet the following technical standards for display:~~

~~————— 1. Background color: Black~~

~~————— 2. Text font: Arial, Calibri, Helvetica, Tahoma, or Verdana~~

~~————— 3. Text size: 24~~

~~————— 4. Text color: White~~

Proposed Amendment 2 (sponsored by CM Herbold)

Option 2a (assuming passage of Proposed Amendment 1):

14.05.020 Requirements for closed captioning in places of public accommodation

A. Any person owning or managing a place of public accommodation must activate closed captioning, with black background color, white text color, text size of 24, and text font of Arial, Calibri, Helvetica, Tahoma, or Verdana, on all closed-captioned television receivers in use in any public area during regular hours, except in the following circumstances:

1. No receiver of television programming of any kind is available in a public area of the place of public accommodation; or

2. The only receiver of television programming available in a public area of the place of public accommodation is technically incapable of displaying closed captioning; or

3. If multiple television models are displayed together for sale in a public area, for each of those models, at least one closed-captioned television must be available for viewing.

Option 2b (assuming rejection of Proposed Amendment 1):

14.05.020 Requirements for closed captioning in places of public accommodation

A. Except as provided in subsection 14.05.020.D, Aany person owning or managing a place of public accommodation must activate closed captioning, in accordance with the technical standards in subsection 14.05.020.C, on all closed-captioned television receivers in use in any public area during regular hours.

B. A person owning or managing a place of public accommodation is not required to make a closed-captioned television receiver available for viewing in a public area if:

1. No receiver of television programming of any kind is available in a public area of the place of public accommodations; or

2. The only receiver of television programming available in a public area of the place of public accommodations is technically incapable of displaying closed captioning.

C. Closed captioning on digital televisions must meet the following technical standards for display:

1. Background color: Black
2. Text font: Arial, Calibri, Helvetica, Tahoma, or Verdana
3. Text size: 24
4. Text color: White

D. If multiple television models are displayed together for sale in a public area, for each of those models, at least one closed-captioned television must be available for viewing.

Proposed Amendment 3 (sponsored by CM Herbold)

WHEREAS, closed captioning can help the general public with learning names and terminology, comprehension of dialogue, and better understanding in sound-sensitive environments;

WHEREAS, various types of programming may be exempt from state or federal closed-captioning requirements, such as locally produced and distributed non-news programs with no repeat value, primarily textual programming, or video programming for which closed captioning has been waived, and such programming will not have closed captioning regardless of whether the television receiver is activated; NOW, THEREFORE,

Proposed Amendment 4 (sponsored by CM Herbold)

14.05.040 Exclusions

A. This Chapter 14.05 shall not be interpreted or applied to diminish or conflict with any requirements of state or federal law. In the event of any conflict, state and federal requirements shall supersede the requirements of this Chapter 14.05.

B. This Chapter 14.05 does not apply to programming that is exempt from closed captioning requirements under state or federal law.