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**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**To:** State Fire Marshal

**From:** GSFIC/State ADA Coordinator's Office

**Subject:** Technical Assistance for Georgia Accessibility Code/2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design

**Date:** June 2014 Revised

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**Places of Worship (120-3-20-.03 (3)/2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design)**

**Question:** Are places of worship exempt from the requirements of O.C.G.A. 30-3-1 *et seq.* and its implementing regulation, the Georgia Accessibility Code?

**Answer:** No. Places of worship are covered as A public buildings@ as that term is defined under O.C.G.A. ' 30-3-2 and are required to be designed and constructed in compliance with the Georgia Accessibility Code. See Attorney General's Official Opinion 95-20 (April 24, 1995):  
<https://law.georgia.gov/opinion/95-20>

Note: O.C.G.A. ' 30-3-3 states that [the Safety Fire Commissioner, or where applicable, the Board of Regents or local governing authority having jurisdiction over the building in question] "*after taking all circumstances into consideration*", may determine that full compliance with any particular standard or specification set forth in this chapter is *impractical*, whereupon there shall be substantial compliance with the standards or specifications to the maximum extent practical ...

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