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REFUELING ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

On October 29, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners approved an ordinance to assist persons with disabilities with their refueling needs. The ordinance became effective on October 30, 2013, and establishes a commencement date of January 29, 2014. The regulations established by this new ordinance are applicable countywide, including within the corporate limits of the City of Tallahassee. The compliance component of the ordinance requires by January 29, 2014, gas stations do the following:

All gas stations countywide, including those within the city limits, shall be required to prominently display on the front of each fueling position a sign, decal, or sticker, no smaller than 15 square inches in size with at least a 28 point font printed on a blue background that clearly states:

1. The telephone number for that gas station (the number must be operational);
2. The international symbol of accessibility (ISA);
3. Wording such as “Call for Assistance” or “Assistance Available Upon Request;” and
4. The day(s) and corresponding hours two attendants will be available to provide assistance at the gas station.

Gas stations in existence prior to the adoption of this ordinance with ten (10) fueling positions or more shall be required to provide a minimum of two (2) fueling positions with the FuelCall™ system or an equivalent system.

Gas stations constructed after the adoption of this ordinance and regardless of the number of fueling positions shall be required to provide a minimum of two (2) fueling positions with the FuelCall™ system or an equivalent system.

Gas stations altered, expanded, or remodeled after the adoption of this ordinance and regardless of the number of fueling positions shall be required to provide a minimum of two (2) fueling positions with the FuelCall™ system or an equivalent system.

For more information regarding the call system requirements, please review the adopted ordinance “Refueling Assistance for Persons with Disabilities” at the following link: <http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/Portals/0/growth/developmentservices/docs/ORD13-21.pdf>, or contact the Code Compliance Program at (850) 606-1300.