



THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Extension of Compliance Deadline for Pools Under the 2010 ADA Standards

Compliance deadlines for pools subject to the ADA have been extended to

January 31, 2013

Please contact us if you have questions concerning the applicability of the ADA and the 2010 standards to your Association.

On Friday, May 18 the Justice Department announced an extension for existing swimming pools to comply with the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design.

We recently addressed how these standards may affect those common interest communities with pools in our firm's Spring, 2012 *Quarterly Assessment* newsletter, as well as in recent seminars conducted by our firm.

As stated in our previous newsletter, there has been considerable confusion and concern among community association members and professionals regarding the applicability of these standards. In response to the mounting confusion and considerable backlash from the community association and hotel industries, the Department of Justice initially extended the original March 15, 2012 compliance deadline by sixty (60) days. After a fifteen day notice and comment period, the Justice Department determined that a further extension was necessary to provide additional time for compliance and to respond to concerns and misunderstandings about the standards.

The deadline for existing pools to comply has thus been extended to January 31, 2013.

We also understand that the Justice Department intends to release a technical assistance document in the near future to assist pool owners with the requirements and their applicability.

Once again, if you have any questions concerning the applicability of the ADA and the 2010 standards to your association, please do not hesitate to contact us.