

Ramsey Municipal Center

Western Exit: Double Door Request

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Building Department Review

The existing council chambers currently has an occupant load posted at 92. The MN State Building Code requires any assembly area with an occupant load greater than 50 to have two separate exit doors, located a minimum of ½ the diagonal from each other. That is the reason the door located to the south of the council desks was installed and it leads to the west exit passage way.

In other words, the chamber, because of the occupant load, needs two separate exits, one out the rear of the council chambers and the other, which must open to an exit passage way, is near the front desks. Both doors MUST swing out.

To add another door from the corridor near the stairs as requested (on the western side of the building near the parking ramp), would also require a swing out (in the direction of travel). The swing of the proposed "second door" would swing into the required exit from the council chambers and in effect partially block the second exit. And, of course, blocking an exit door is never allowed.

In summary..... If the council wants to add a second door at the bottom of the stairs which opens toward the parking ramp they would need too:

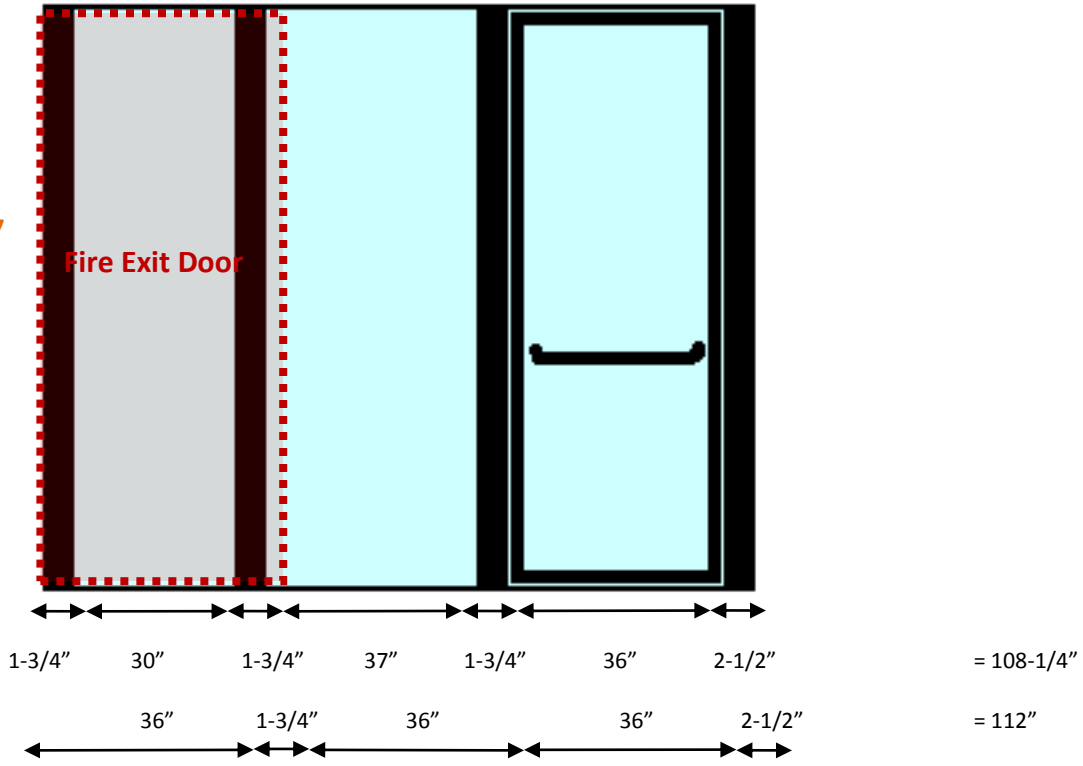
- 1) Install double doors in both the outer and inner doorways at the western entrance (not just one or the other).
- 2) Inset the existing second exit door from the council chambers in order to establish enough room for the proposed new double doors to swing freely.

Project Images

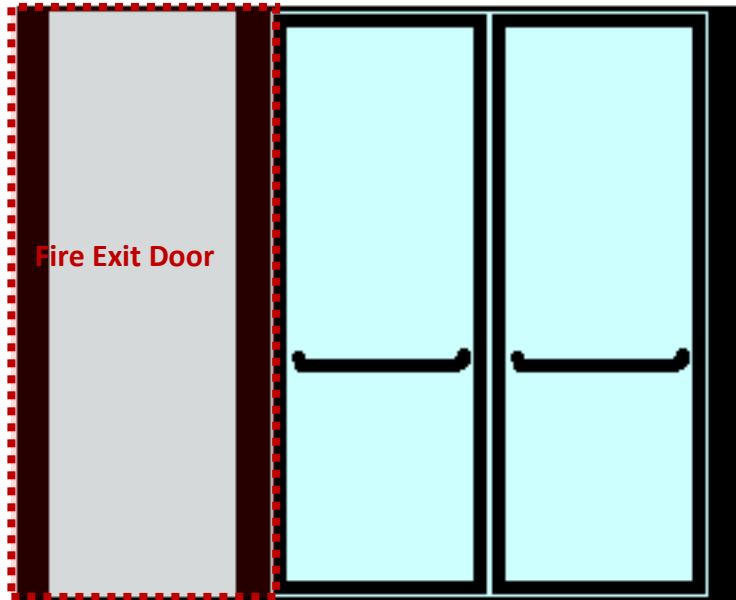


Project Specs

Today



*Double
Doors*



Off by 3.25"