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Kitchen Counter Receptacles 2016 CEC, Section 210.52 (C) 1-5

210.52 (C) (1) Wall Counter Spaces. A receptacle outlet shall be installed at each wall counter space that is (12 in.) or wider. Receptacle outlets shall be installed so that no point along the wall line is more than (24 in.) measured horizontally from a receptacle outlet in that space. EXCEPTION: Receptacle outlets shall not be required on a wall directly behind a range or sink.

210.52 (C) (2) Island Counter Spaces. At least one receptacle shall be installed at each island counter space with a long dimension of (24 in.) or greater and a short dimension of (12 in.) or greater. Where a rangetop or sink is installed in an island counter and the width of the counter behind the rangetop or sink is less than (12 in.) the rangetop or sink is considered to divide the island into two separate countertop spaces.

210.52 (C) (3) Peninsular Counter Spaces. At least one receptacle shall be installed at each island counter space with a long dimension of (24 in.) or greater and a short dimension of (12 in.) or greater. A peninsular countertop is measured from the connecting edge.

210.52 (C) (4) Separate Spaces. Countertop spaces separated by rangetops, refrigerators, or sinks shall be considered as separate countertop spaces in applying the requirements of (1), (2), and (3) above.

210.52 (C) (5) Receptacle Outlet Location. Receptacle outlets shall be located above, but not more than (20 in.) above, the countertop. Receptacle outlets rendered not readily accessible by appliances fastened in place, appliance, garages, sinks, or rangetops as covered in (1) Exception, or appliances occupying dedicated space shall not be considered as these required outlets. EXCEPTION: To comply with the conditions specified in (1) or (2) below, receptacle outlets shall be permitted to be mounted not more than (12 in.) below the countertop. Receptacles mounted below a countertop in accordance with this exception shall not be located where the countertop extends more than (6 in.) beyond its support base.

(1) Construction for the physically impaired.

(2) On island and peninsular countertops where the countertop is flat across its entire surface (no backsplashes, dividers, etc.) and there are no means to mount a receptacle within (20 in.) above the countertop, such as an overhead cabinet.

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