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ADA Programs Statement

City of Hickory
P.O. Box 398
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Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan (ADA): Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way

Introduction:

The purpose of this plan is to ensure that the City of Hickory creates reasonable, accessible paths of travel in the public right-of-way for everyone, including people with disabilities. The City of Hickory has made a significant and long-term commitment to improving the accessibility of their pedestrian facilities. The Transition Plan will identify physical barriers and prioritize improvements that should be made throughout the City of Hickory. This Transition Plan will describe the existing programs to enhance the overall pedestrian accessibility.

Legal Requirements:

The federal legislation known as the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) enacted on July 26, 1990 provides comprehensive civil rights protections to persons with disabilities in area of employment, state and local government services, and access to public accommodations, transportation and telecommunications. Standards are followed. Title II specifically applies to “public entities” (state and local governments) and the programs, services and activities they deliver. Title II, Article 8, requires public entities to take several steps designed to achieve compliance. The City of Hickory plan will, at a minimum include:

1. A list of the physical barriers in a public entity’s facilities that limit the accessibility of its programs, activities, or services to individuals with disabilities.
2. A detailed outline of the methods to be utilized to remove these barriers and make the facilities accessible.
3. The schedule for taking the necessary steps to achieve compliance with Title II.
4. The name of the official responsible for the plan’s implementation

The City of Hickory is in the process of identifying and assessing obstacles in the public right of way, using an Inventory Tool. Barrier Removal Priorities based on location priority and

accessibility conditions will be a part of the inventory process. **It is very important that the public be aware that their involvement in this plan is a valuable component to the Village in compiling a workable plan of compliance. Your involvement is solicited in developing the ADA Transition Plan.**

Public Comments or Complaint:

Public Complaint, Suggestions and Comments can also be an integral part of the Transition Plan. Public comments may often drive the prioritization of improvements. To file a comment or request please contact Todd Shoebridge, ADA Coordinator City of Hickory, Phone (828)323-7442, or by (Mailing) P.O. Box 398, Hickory, NC 28603, (Physical) 76 North center St NE, Hickory, NC 28601

Public Input:

Public Comment and Response Forms are available on this website under ADA category. The City of Hickory welcomes your participation and unique outlook as to how the City can meet and exceed ADA Title II requirements and recommendations. Public involvement in the City ADA plan has been a valuable component to the City in compiling a workable plan of compliance. We continue to solicit your additions to the ADA Transition Plan. The plan to enhance the ADA requirements is through an ongoing annual appropriation for materials to bring the sidewalk intersections into compliance. Plans are to complete the requirements as the City of Hickory authorizes paving projects and the barriers as designated and appropriate intersection corrections will be made.

Responsible Individual:

The official responsible for the implementation of the City of Hickory ADA Transition Plan for the pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way (ROW) is:

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