

# City of Albany ADA Update

# Basics

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President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)  
July 26, 1990

The ADA is a civil rights law mandating equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities

# Disabilities Covered

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Vision

Hearing/Speech

Ambulatory

Cognitive

# Who?

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According to the CDC as of 2018 26 percent (one in 4) of adults in the United States have some type of disability, this is increase of 4 percent from 2015

Take that percentage and apply it to the most recent census over 11,000 adults in Albany could have some type of disability

# Title II State and Local Governments

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Prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the services, programs, or activities of all state and local government entities.

Obligations cover all programs, services, and activities provided directly or indirectly through contracts.

Public entities must comply with Title II regulations by the [U.S. Department of Justice](#).

# Title II Requirements

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Complete a Self-Evaluation of programs

Provide notice and develop an ADA complaint procedure

Designate a person who is responsible for overseeing title II compliance

Develop a transition plan if the assessment identifies any structural modifications necessary for compliance

Include people with disabilities in the planning process

# Self Evaluation

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Comprehensive review of policies and practices

The public entity must:

Identify non-compliance policies and practices

Modify policies and practices to bring them into compliance

Opportunity for people with disabilities and interested parties to review and comment

# Transition Plan

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List barriers and identify solutions

Establish a timeline for removing barriers

Identify the person responsible for title II compliance

Involve people with disabilities to participate in the preparation of the transition plan



# ADA Coordinator

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Takes the lead, creates a point person

Provides consistent and accurate information

Main contact for help with questions and concerns about ADA, disability rights

Provides guidance on ADA compliance

Monitors ADA compliance identifies deficiencies

Works with the local disability communities

# Where are we?

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2010 after a Self-Evaluation a Transition Plan was put into place

In 2015 there were updates to the plan

Now, we are again working to update the Transition Plan

In September of 2020, Council approved a contract with a consultant for a SelfEvaluation and Transition Plan for the Public Rights of Way

In the near future, work will begin on more comprehensive Self Evaluation and Transition Plan